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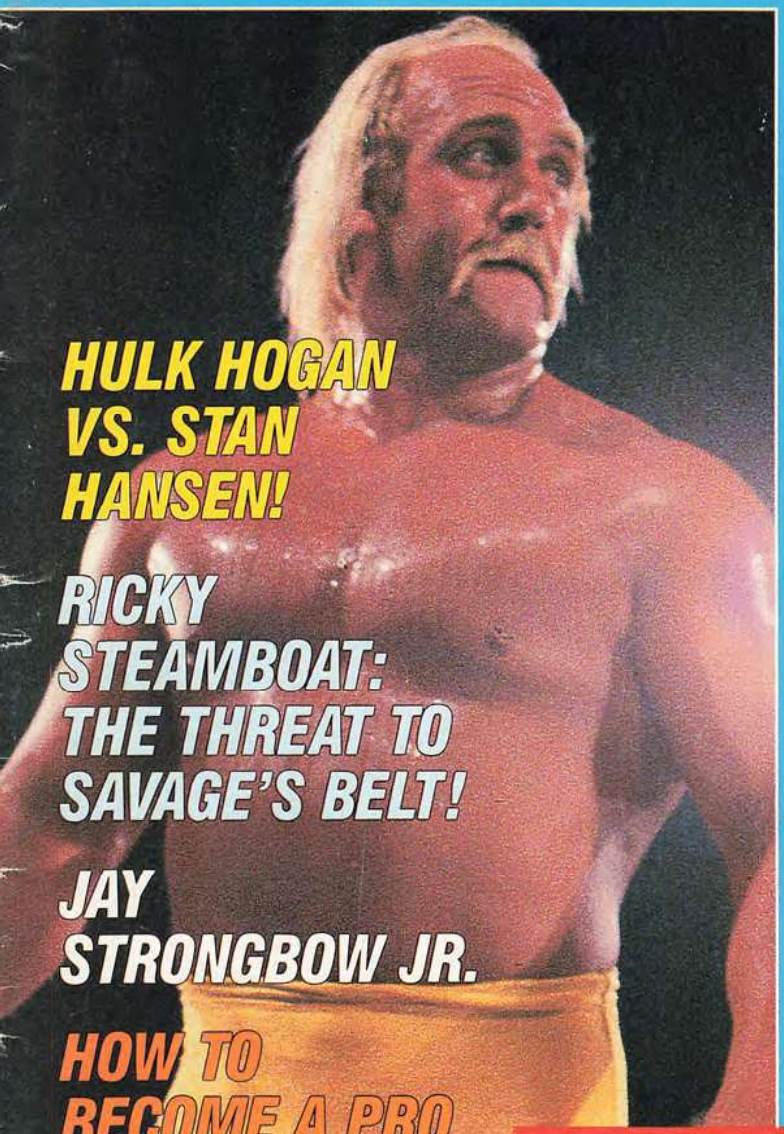

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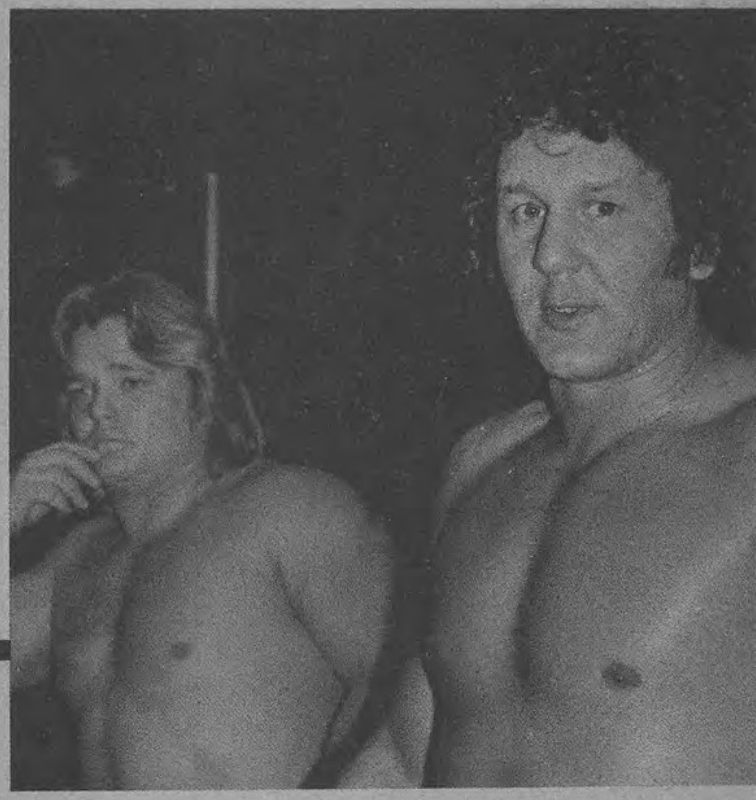

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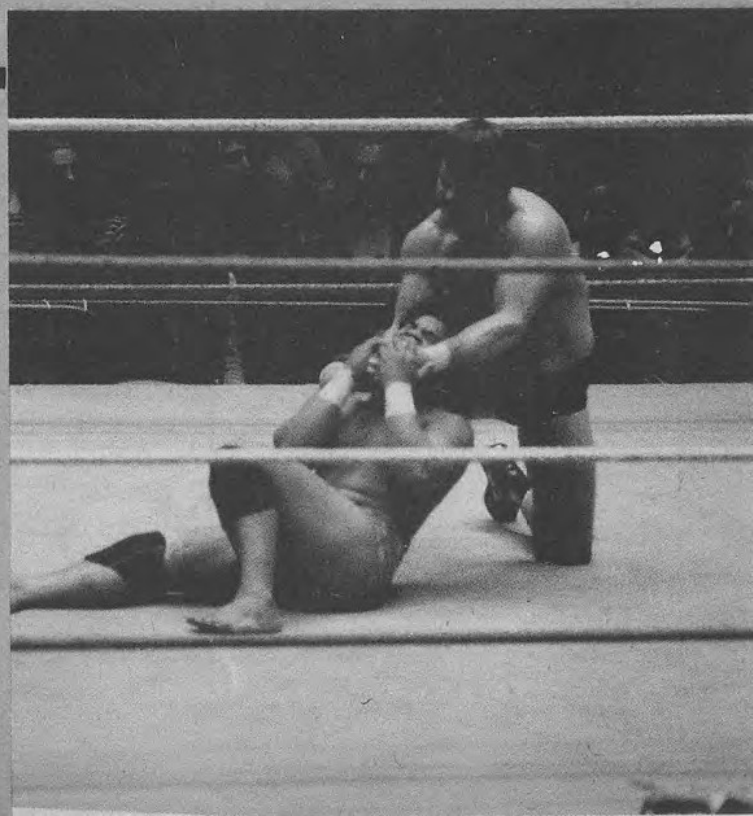

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EDITORIAL — ONE WORLD CHAMP– TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

If there's one major problem in pro wrestling today, it's probably the lack of one universally recognized world champ. In the major leagues, we have Ric Flair, Stan Hansen and Hulk Hogan—all of whom are fine wrestlers with their own special styles. Just try to tell a New York fan that Hulk Hogan isn't the greatest thing since sliced bread, and he'll lay you out cold on the floor. Mention to a guy in St. Paul, Minn. that Stan Hansen isn't as tough as Ric Flair, and he (or she!) might just put a Figure-4 on you! Ric Flair's fans are equally dedicated to him.

But really, which of these fabulous combatants is the mightiest of them all? The greatest, toughest *of all time*? Aren't you the least bit curious? What *would* happen if you pit Flair against Hogan, Hansen against Flair, etc? Would this be a test of their true metal?

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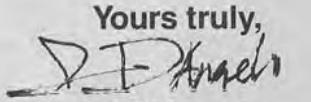
Yours truly,



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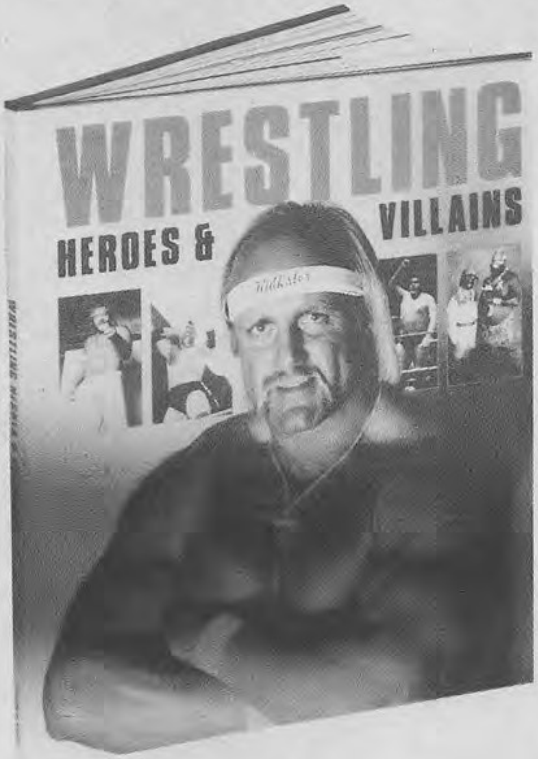

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RIC FLAIR

Holding Out For A Hero

You have to take Ric Flair at face value. Which means, he's the number one man in the NWA. Three-times world champ, Ric has been without the world title for only six months since winning it on September 17, 1981. He's a great wrestler and marvelous athlete. When he's not playing the crowd or taunting his opponent, Ric is a pleasant gentleman. Outside the ring, he calls everyone he meets 'sir' or 'ma'am.' This is all the surface soil and it's neat and pleasant.

Photos

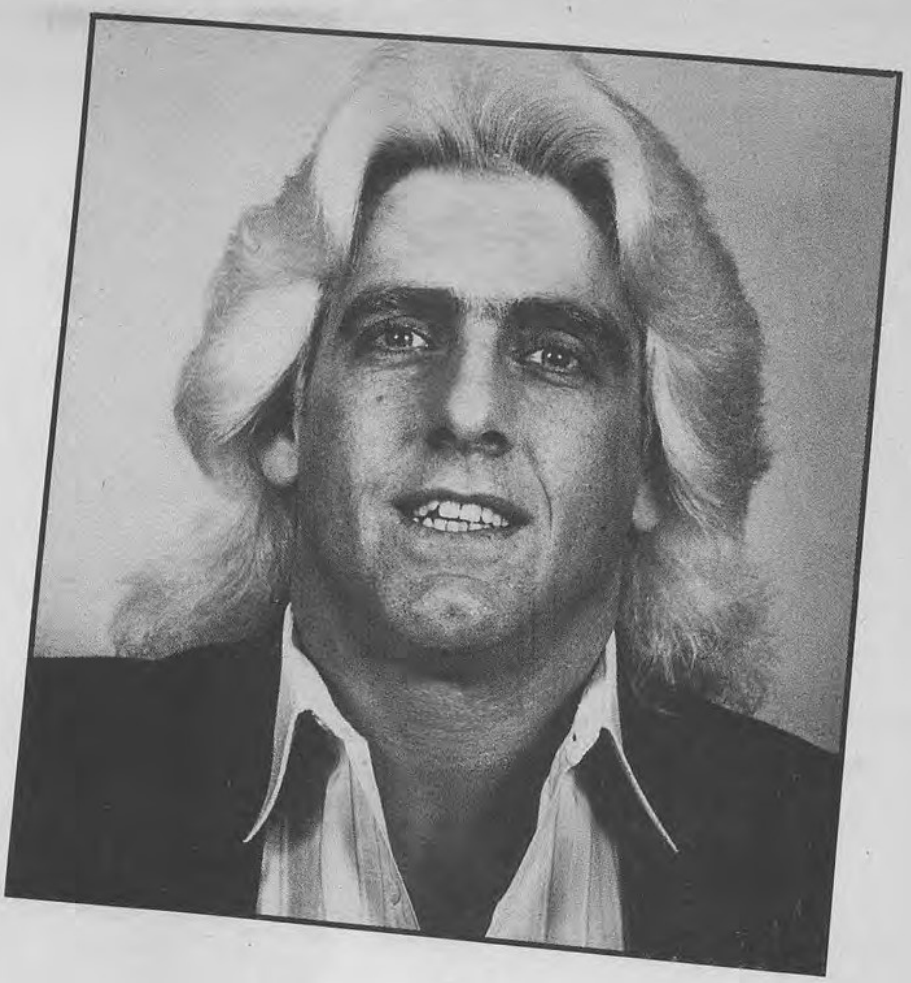
However, dig a little deeper and you find the real dirt. Inside the squared circle, Ric Flair is a cunning villain. The Man from Minneapolis has held his 'precious ten-pounds of gold' by disqualification and foul-outs. More than any previous titleholder, Flair has made a skill out of being counted out to save his belt. Ric will agree to wrestle anyone (providing the money's right), but what does that mean when he's forever ready to toss himself over the top rope. Hulk Hogan may not be willing to wrestle the scientific likes of Ricky Steamboat or Paul Orndorff, but at least he's honest about it. Ric, on the other hand,

"Enemies since Ric's rookie days in the Carolinas, Wahoo went after the champ like nobody's business."

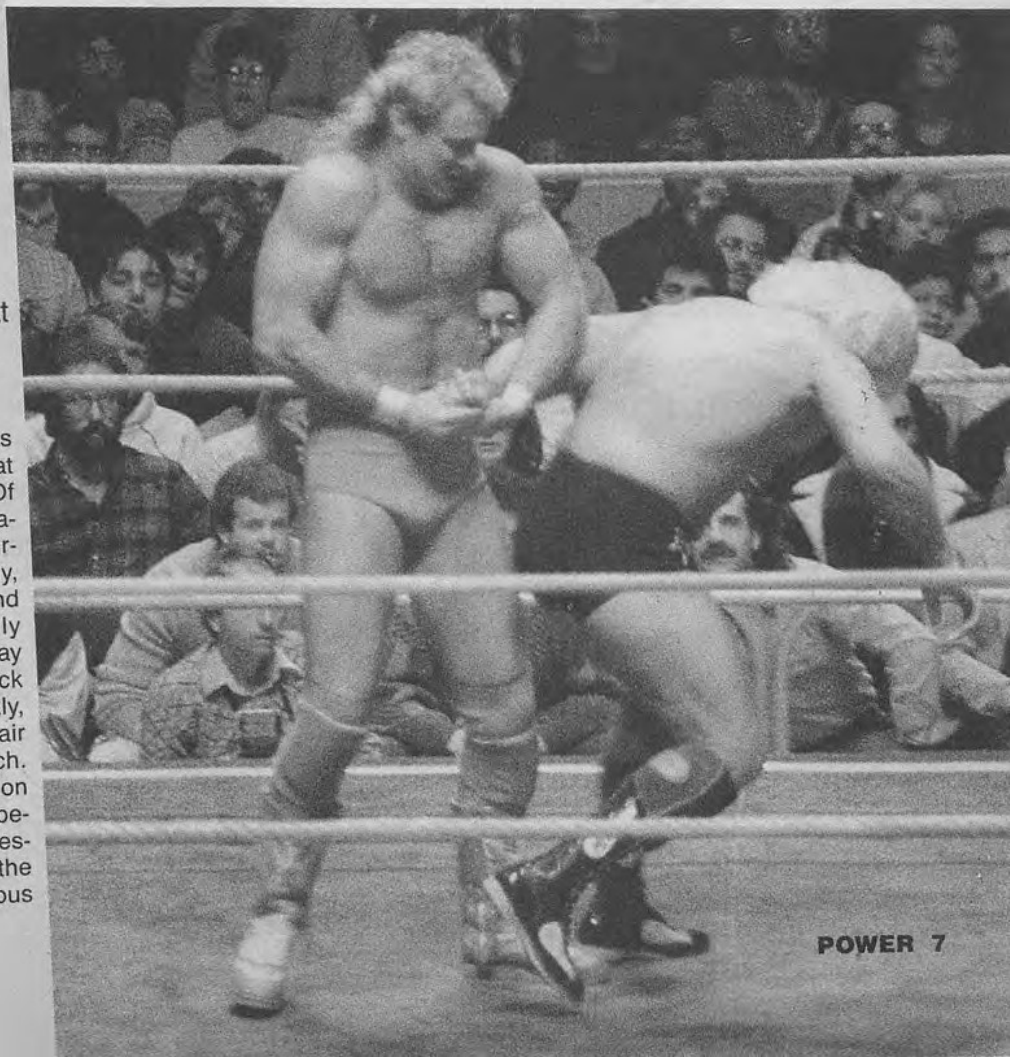
will wrestle them, but he'll keep his belt on some technicality. All this leaves fans holding out for a hero.

Who will be able to lift the belt? Hard to say. All of the best possible contenders have tried and each has failed miserably. Here are a few examples of what went wrong when they challenged NWA world champ Ric Flair:

MAGNUM TA—Magnum has had as many opportunities as anyone to defeat Ric, but has toiled in vain. 'Night Of Champions-Superclash '85' at Chicago's Comisky Park was typical of a Flair-Magnum match. TA came out early, scoring well with shoulder-blocks and armdrags. Flair retreated, carefully waiting for the tide to turn. At the midway mark, Magnum missed on a dropkick and that was all Ric needed. He quickly, cat-like, set to work on a dazed TA. Flair trapped him in an abdominal stretch. Magnum escaped, but Flair stayed on him. A flurry of forearm chops (a specialty of the champ's) sent both wrestlers to the canvas. TA caught Ric in the Figure-4 and Flair appeared in serious



TA puts the pressure on the champ.



trouble. With a super-human effort, the champ pulled himself to the safety of the ring ropes.

Up on their feet, TA took Flair over in a sunset flip. The referee counted two just as Flair reversed the pin, putting Magnum on the canvas. Clutching Terry Allen's trunks for leverage, Ric scored the deciding three-count. As usual, Magnum TA went home a frustrated man.

TERRY TAYLOR—He's another talented young wrestler, who against anyone but Ric Flair might be champ. In their Houston match-up, Taylor employed an amazing series of suplexes, snapmares and kneedrops to bloody the world champ. Ric looked confused and baffled by the rookie's knowledge. The champ went for a vertical suplex but Terry blocked it and pinned Ric for a two-count. Desperately Flair took the bout

"Kevin had the bout all but won, when Flair dragged them both outside the ring."

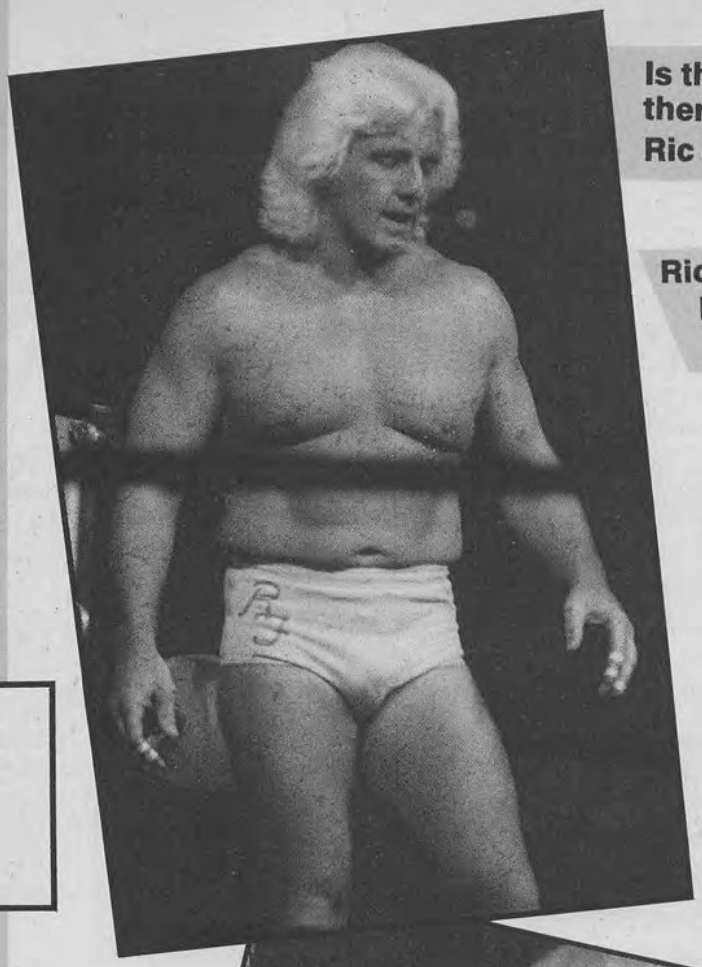
outside the ring. He softened Taylor up by ramming him headlong into the ringposts. Back in the ring, Ric Flair nailed Terry Taylor with an elbow smash to win the match.

SGT. SLAUGHTER—Flair is so unbeatable, that this ex-marine went to the AWA rather than try again against Ric Flair. In their Charlotte, NC, bout, Slaughter paced himself well. Sensing other challengers had mistakenly attempted to take Flair too quickly, Slaughter waited for Ric to come to him.

"Who will be able to lift the belt? Hard to say."

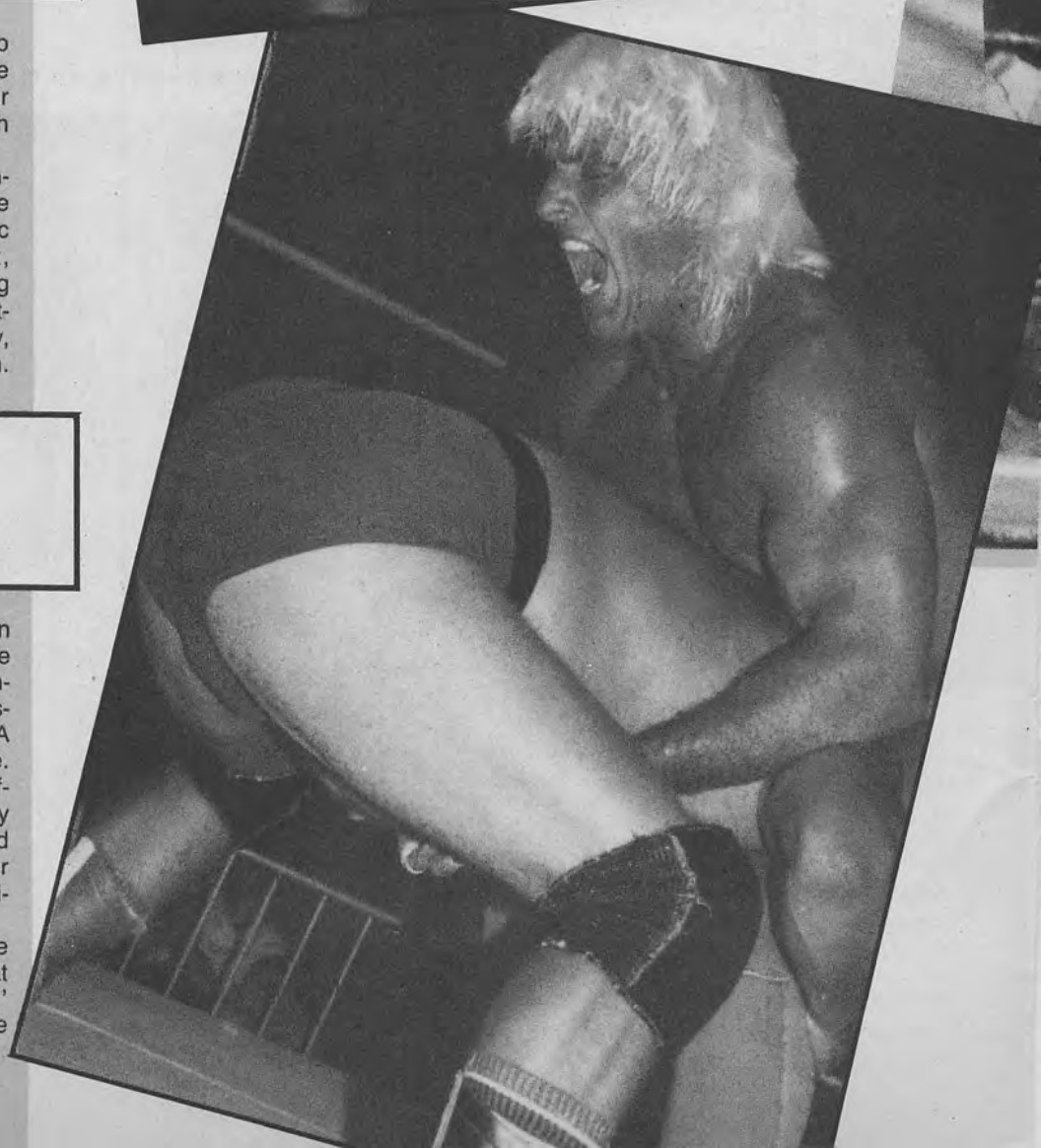
A limited wrestler, the Sarge relied on simple but effective moves to hurt the champ. At the 20-minute mark, Slaughter went to work. His first effective assault was a one-arm backbreaker. A powerslam followed and a clothesline. Flair, on wobbly legs, stayed out-of-reach of the challenger. Knowing victory was there to be had, the Sarge charged forward. As he did, Ric flipped him over the top rope to keep his belt on disqualification.

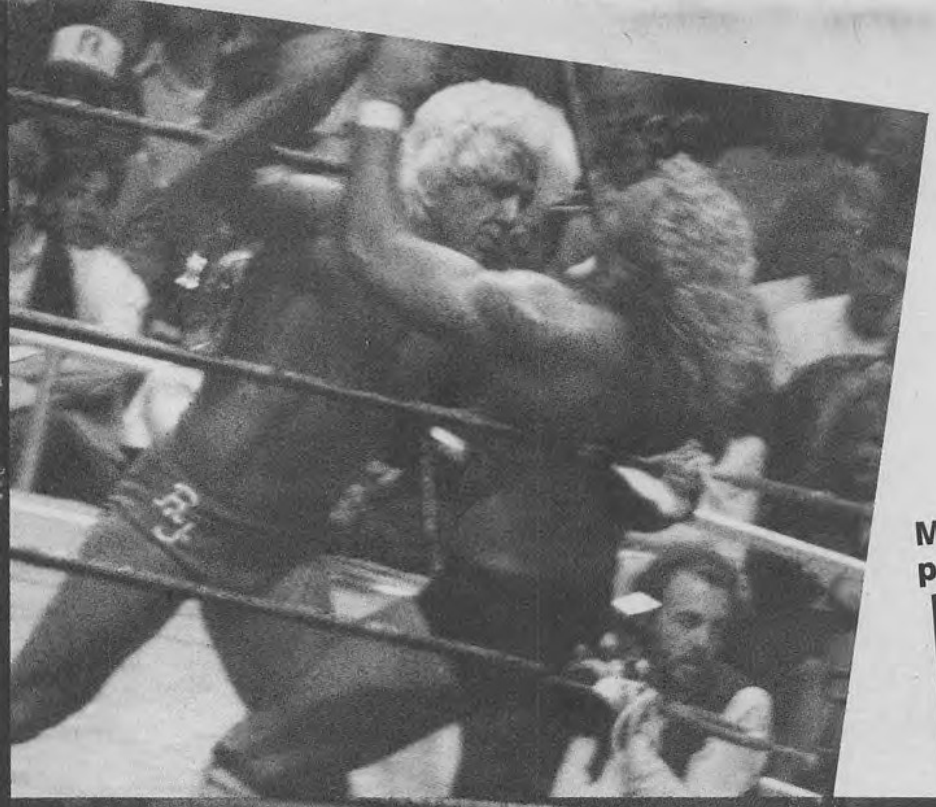
WAHOO McDANIELS—The Choctaw Indian had his last crack at Flair in Florida's 'Battle Of The Belts.' Enemies since Ric's rookie days in the

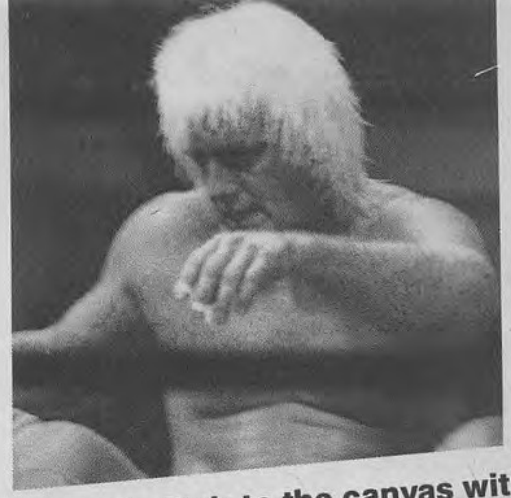


Is there anyone out there who can beat Ric Flair for the gold?

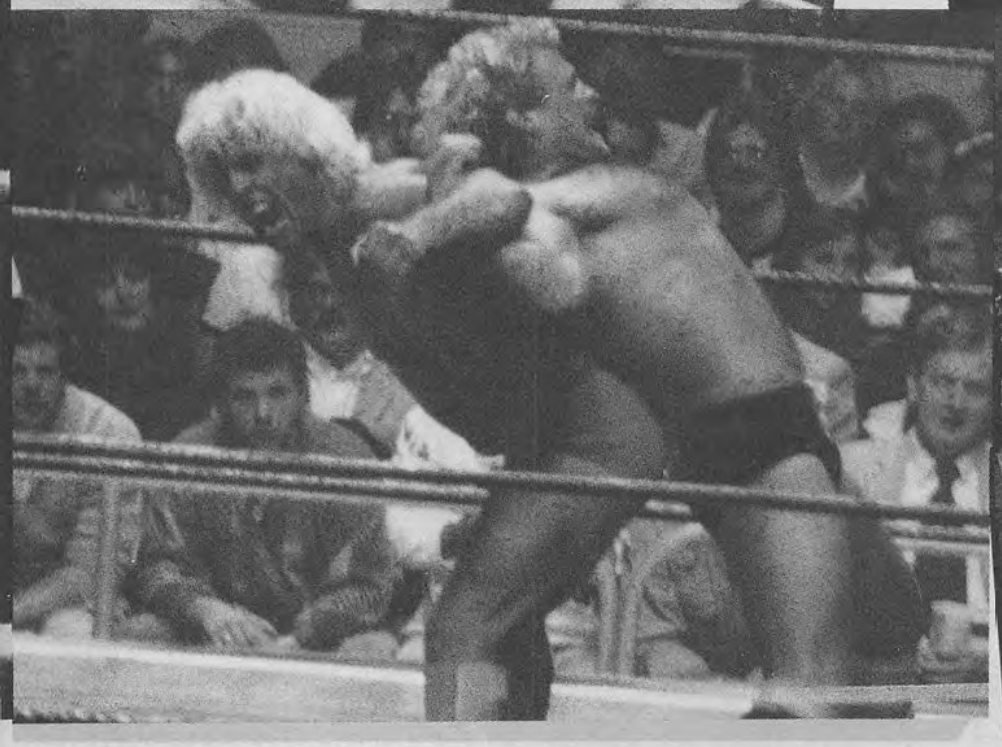
Ric Flair judo chops Magnum into the corner.

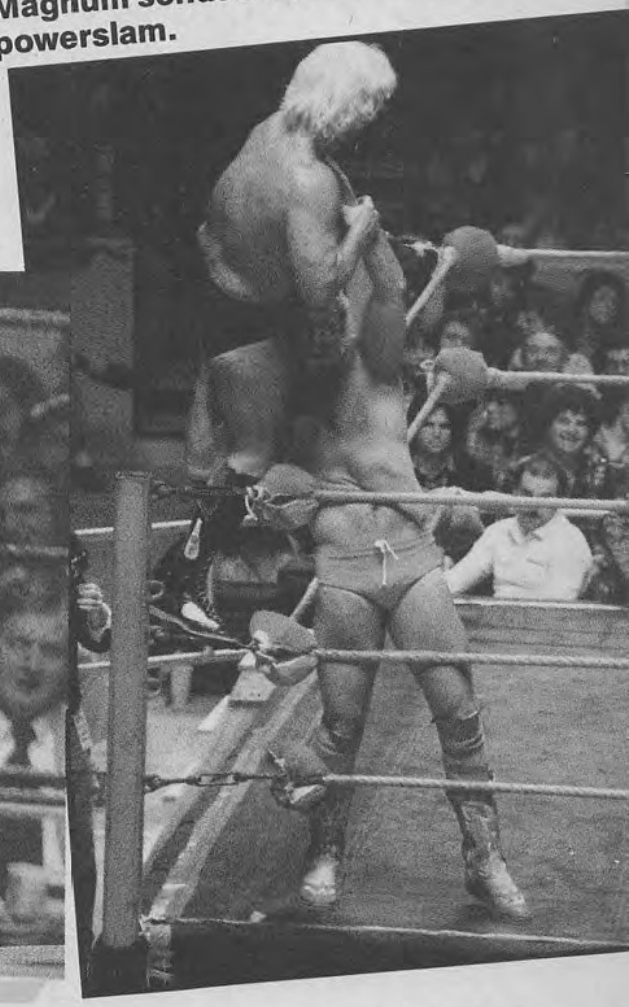






Magnum sends Flair to the canvas with a powerslam.





Carolinas, Wahoo went after the champ like nobody's business. In his poorest showing as NWA kingpin, Flair offered little offense. The champ appeared overwhelmed by the enthusiastic contender. Going for the finish, Wahoo trapped Ric in the sleeper. Frantically, Flair struggled to a corner, where he catapulted himself on top of McDaniels. The referee counted three over Wahoo while he still held Flair in the sleeper. McDaniels later said he was so wrapped-up in punishing Ric, that he forgot about having both shoulders on the canvas.

KEVIN VON ERICH—Smart boy Kevin got Flair to agree to a very unique bout. In this one, if Flair was disqualified Kevin would win the belt. Von Erich's only mistake was that during the match

"Bruiser Brody, the baddest man in wrestling, was disqualified when he used a steel chair on Ric's forehead."

he got himself counted out. Kevin had the bout all but won, when Flair dragged them both outside the ring. Misinterpreting the disqualification clause, Kevin willingly stayed outside the ring. While he pounded away at Flair, the referee tolled off the fateful twenty.

The list is endless. Bruiser Brody, the baddest man in wrestling, was disqualified when he used a steel chair on Ric's forehead. Butch 'Hacksaw' Reed was disqualified when Flair (either jumped or was pushed) went over the top rope. Dusty Rhodes, Jerry Lawler, Harley Race and Billy Haynes are but a few of those who have been questionably pinned by Ric Flair.

In closing, we ask, where is the man who will beat the NWA world champ for the belt?

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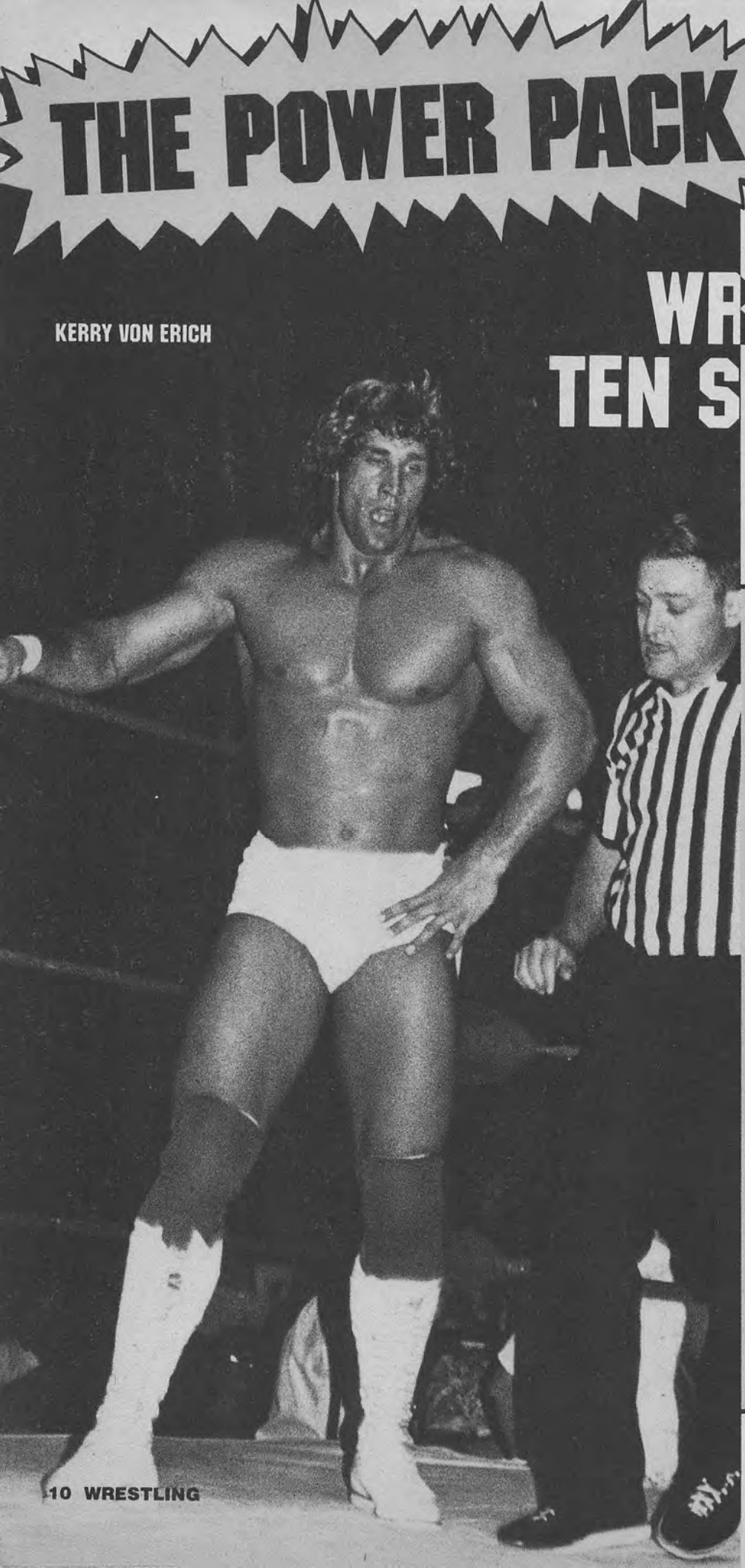
WRESTLING'S TEN STRONGEST MEN



KERRY VON ERICH

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Born in Buffalo, NY, Kerry is (pound-for-pound) the strongest man in the sport today... An excellent wrestler... Won Ric Flair's NWA world title in Texas before 44,000 fans... Held the title only 18 days before dropping the belt back to Flair while on tour in Japan... Only 25-years old, Kerry has yet to reach his full potential ... Best dropkick in wrestling... Taught to wrestle by his father, Fritz, and older brothers David and Kevin Von Erich... Played football and won a track scholarship to the University of Texas... Has body slammed the 425-pounds of Crusher Blackwell with ease... Won the Missouri Heavyweight Championship and the American belt... Has beaten top stars such as Kimala, the Freebirds, Ken Patera, One Man Gang, Chris Adams and the late Gino Hernandez... A devout Christian outside the ring, the 6'2 and 245-lbs Von Erich coaches little-league wrestling teams in his spare time... WRESTLING POWER predicts Kerry will soon hold the NWA world title again.

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THE ROAD WARRIORS

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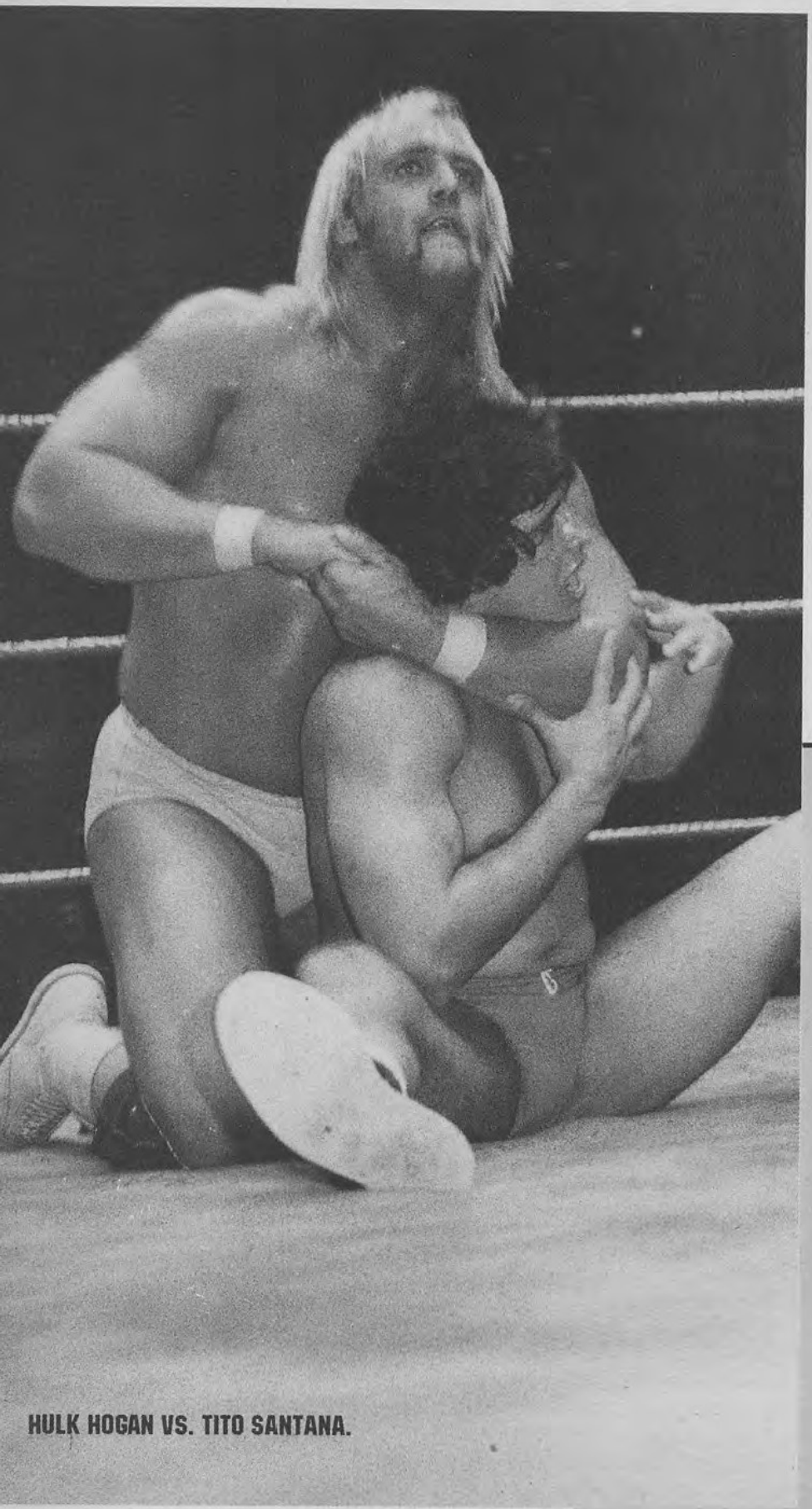


HULK HOGAN VS. TITO SANTANA.

KRUSHER KRUSCHEV

Probably the best Russian wrestler since Hackenshmidt... Best at 280 lbs., but has bulked up to 320, with no loss in speed or endurance... Tag teams with Uncle Ivan Koloff and cousin Nikita ... At the 'Gathering,' Krusher was unable to beat Ric Flair for

"Probably the best Russian wrestler since Hackenshmidt"

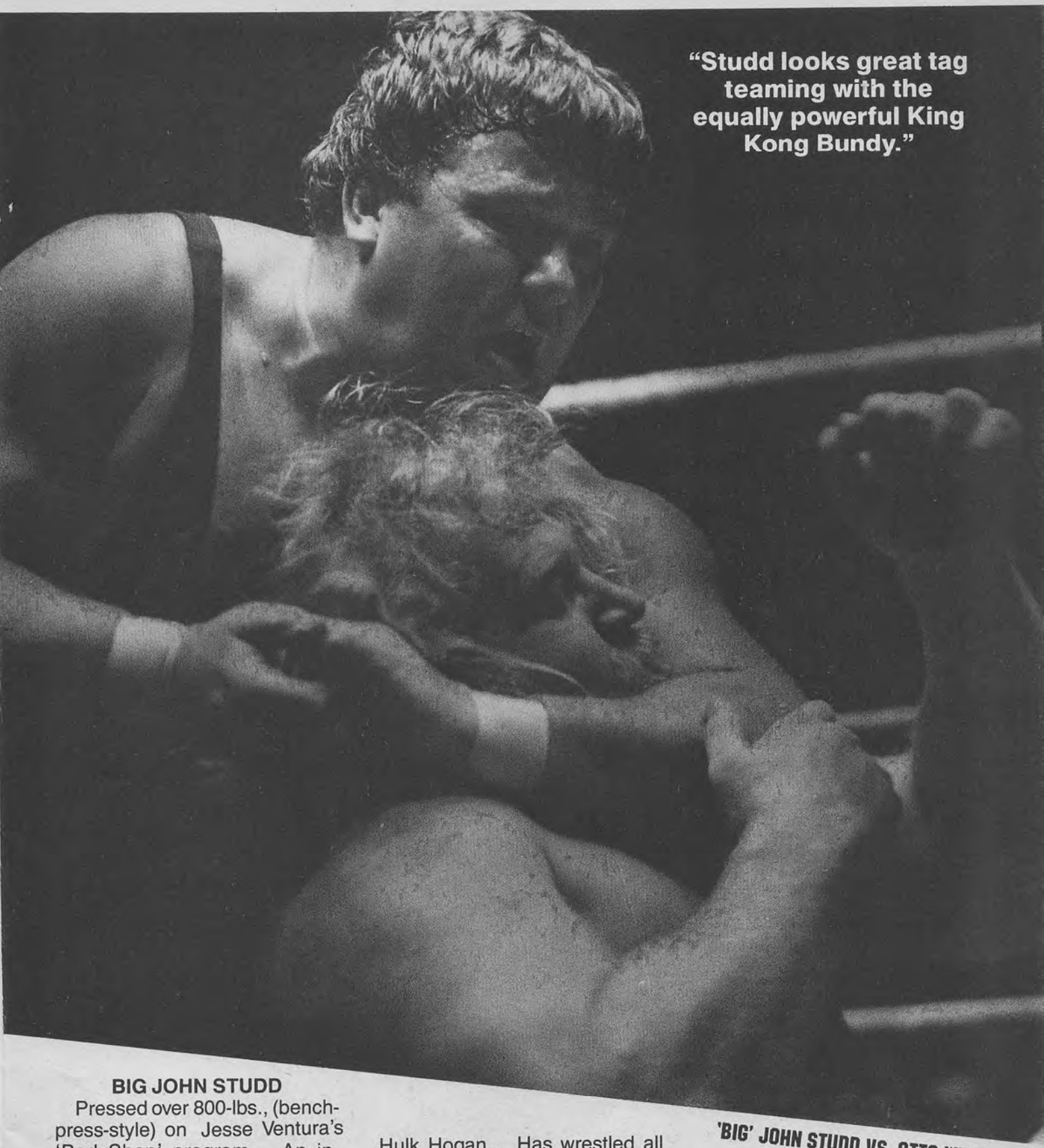
the NWA world title... Best move is the Russian Sickle, a Soviet-version of the 'clothesline'... Started his pro career as Crusher Darso in the Mid-South... Came to the Mid-Atlantic to team with the Koloffs... As a single, Krusher has held the Mid-Atlantic title... Expect much from him in 1987... Has held the NWA world's six-man and two-man tag team belts.

HULK HOGAN

Started life as Terry Jene Bollette in Tampa, Florida... Ex-

"Hulk is the first man to slam 'Big' John Studd"

tremely strong even as a teenager... Hulk is the first man to slam 'Big' John Studd and collect Bobby Heenan's $5,000 offer... Taught to wrestle by former NWA world champ Jack Brisco... Wrestled under the names Terry Boulder and Sterling Golden in the South... Toured Japan with Brutus Beefcake... Came back to the United States and won the WWF World's Heavyweight Championship from the Iron Sheik on Jan. 26, 1984... Uses size and strength to overwhelm opponents... Has no serious competition in his own federation and is likely to remain unchallenged for a long time to come... His 6'7 height and 300 lbs. body weight are his most impressive attributes.



BIG JOHN STUDD

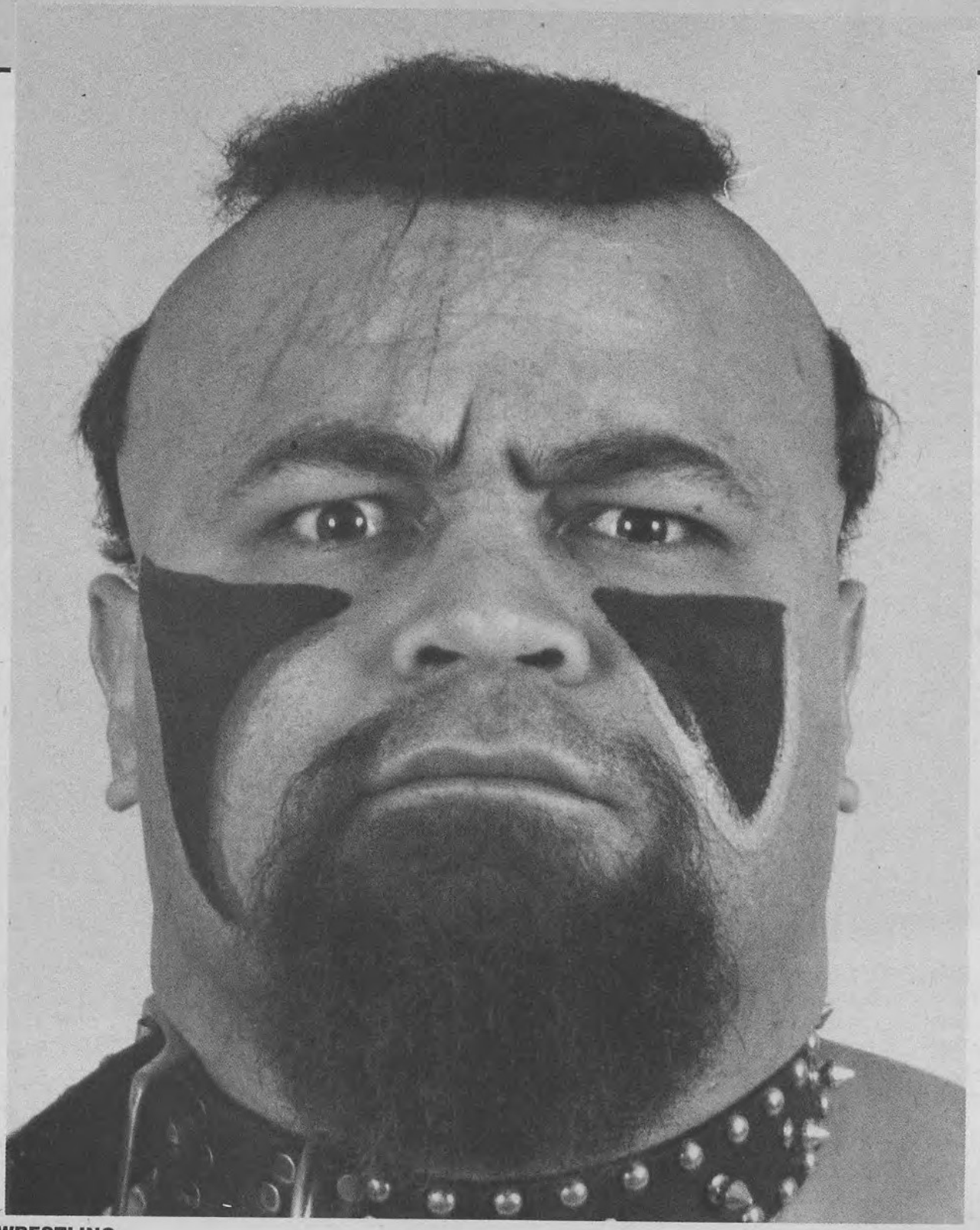
Pressed over 800-lbs., (bench-press-style) on Jesse Ventura's 'BodyShop' program... An incredible athlete, Studd dares anyone to bodyslam him... This feat has been accomplished so far only by Andre the Giant and Hulk Hogan... Stands 6'11 and weighs 360 pounds... Was one of the first to wrestle new champ Hulk Hogan... Has wrestled all over the world and is a hero-of-sorts in Germany and France... Has no favorite move, just simply overpowers anyone standing before him... Managed by Bob 'The Brain' Heenan... Studd looks great tag teaming with the equally powerful King Kong Bundy... He prefers individual competition, but is an outstanding tag team partner.

'BIG' JOHN STUDD VS. OTTO WANZ

THE BARBARIAN

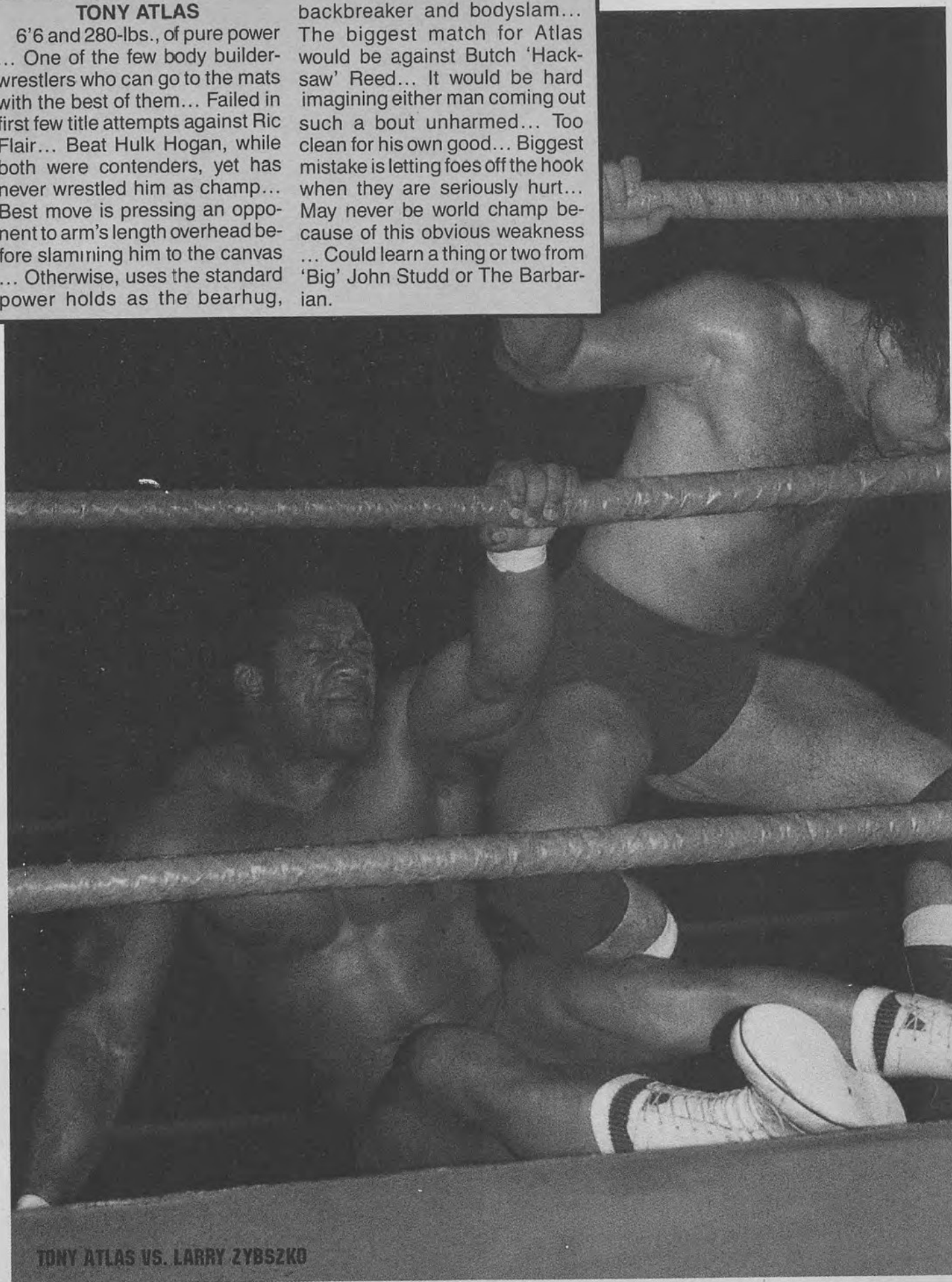
Evil and mistrusted by all... 6'1 and 320-lbs.,... A powerful wrestler from an unknown background... Has been the subject of many rumors for the last two years... First appeared on cards in the West Indies... Waged a brutal war for months against Universal Champ Carlos Colon ... When his allies, the Sheparders, turned on him, the Barbarian knew it was time for a change ... Hit the Mid-Atlantic and remains undefeated... Has made a reputation for hurting his opponents... Can break a grown man's neck with his version of the flying elbow smash... Has yet to meet serious contenders, but, it's just a matter of time... Few in the Mid-Atlantic can match this man's ability to dish out pain.

THE BARBARIAN



TONY ATLAS

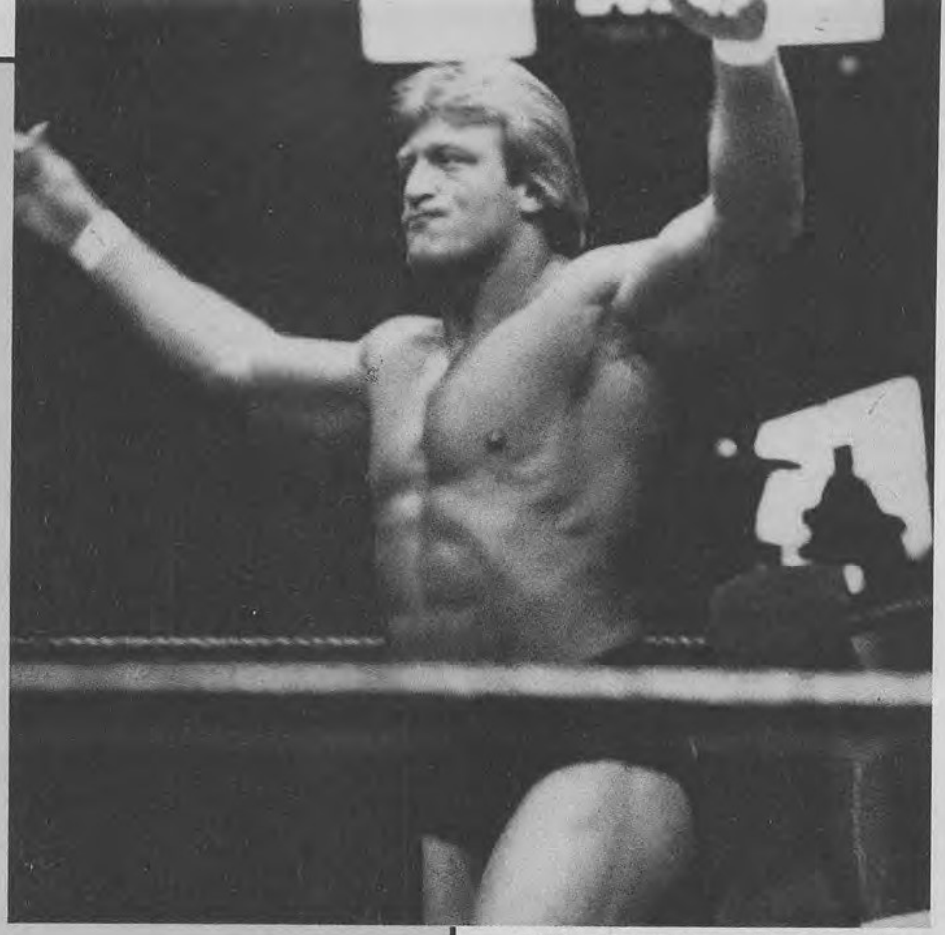
6'6 and 280-lbs., of pure power ... One of the few body builder-wrestlers who can go to the mats with the best of them... Failed in first few title attempts against Ric Flair... Beat Hulk Hogan, while both were contenders, yet has never wrestled him as champ... Best move is pressing an opponent to arm's length overhead before slamming him to the canvas ... Otherwise, uses the standard power holds as the bearhug, backbreaker and bodyslam... The biggest match for Atlas would be against Butch 'Hacksaw' Reed... It would be hard imagining either man coming out such a bout unharmed... Too clean for his own good... Biggest mistake is letting foes off the hook when they are seriously hurt... May never be world champ because of this obvious weakness ... Could learn a thing or two from 'Big' John Studd or The Barbarian.



TONY ATLAS VS. LARRY ZYBSZKO

PAUL 'MR. WONDERFUL' ORNDORFF

Overshadowed in the WWF by Champ Hulk Hogan, will likely take the Inter-Continental title from Randy Savage... Stands 6'1 and weighs a solid 252-lbs.... Played football at the University of Florida... Went on to play fullback for the New Orleans Saints ... Trains four-times a week while wrestling practically every night ... Has gone from hero to villain several times... In the NWA, Paul was both a bad guy and good guy ... Fans cheered when he nearly destroyed the 'Great' Ric Flair, but booed when he did likewise to Dusty Rhodes... Won the Mid-Atlantic tag team titles with Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka... Came to the WWF in 1984 as a bad guy... Changed his image after being beaten by Hulk Hogan and Mr. T at Wrestlemania... Now, has a tremendous fan following, especially among the ladies.



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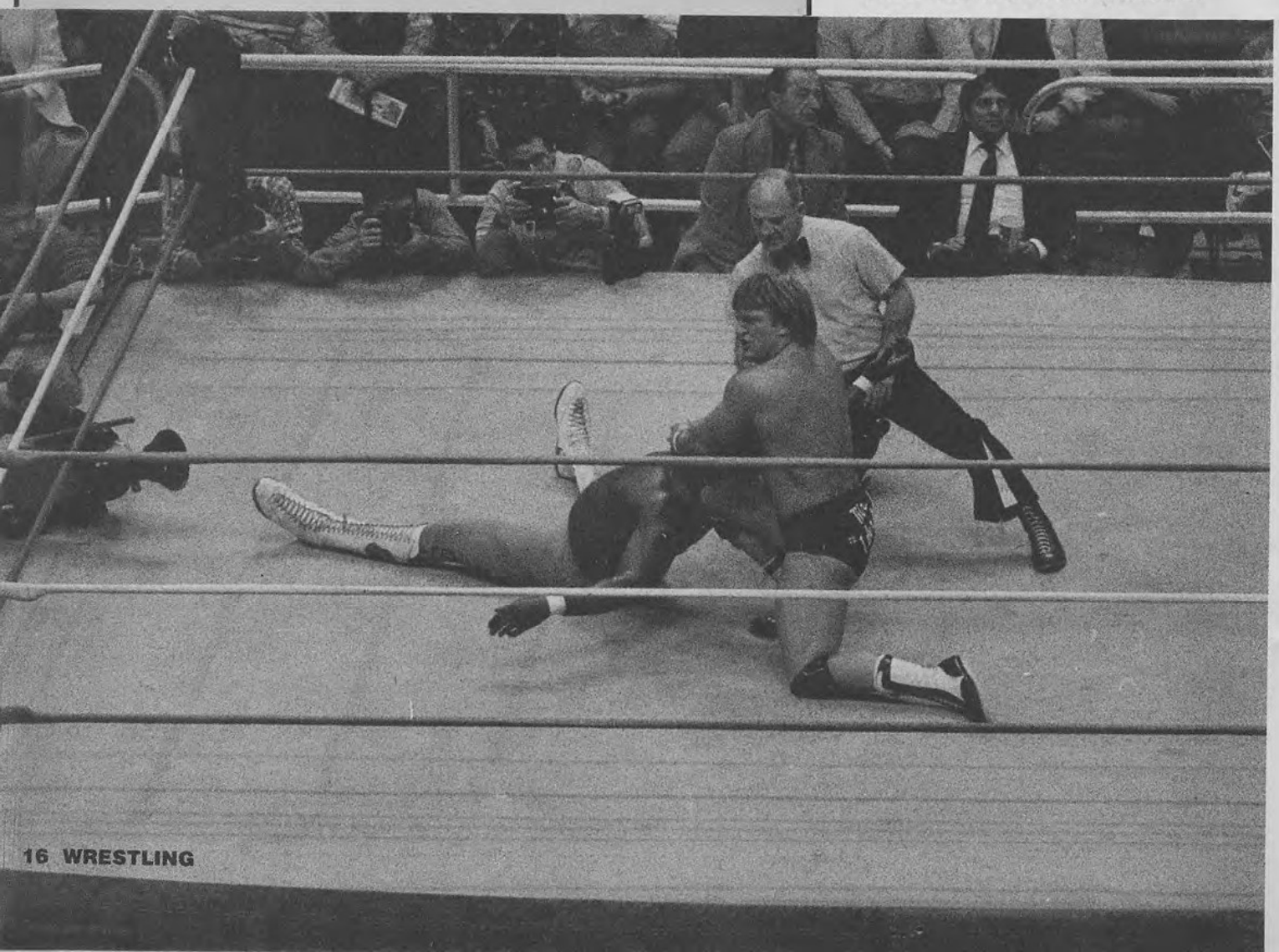
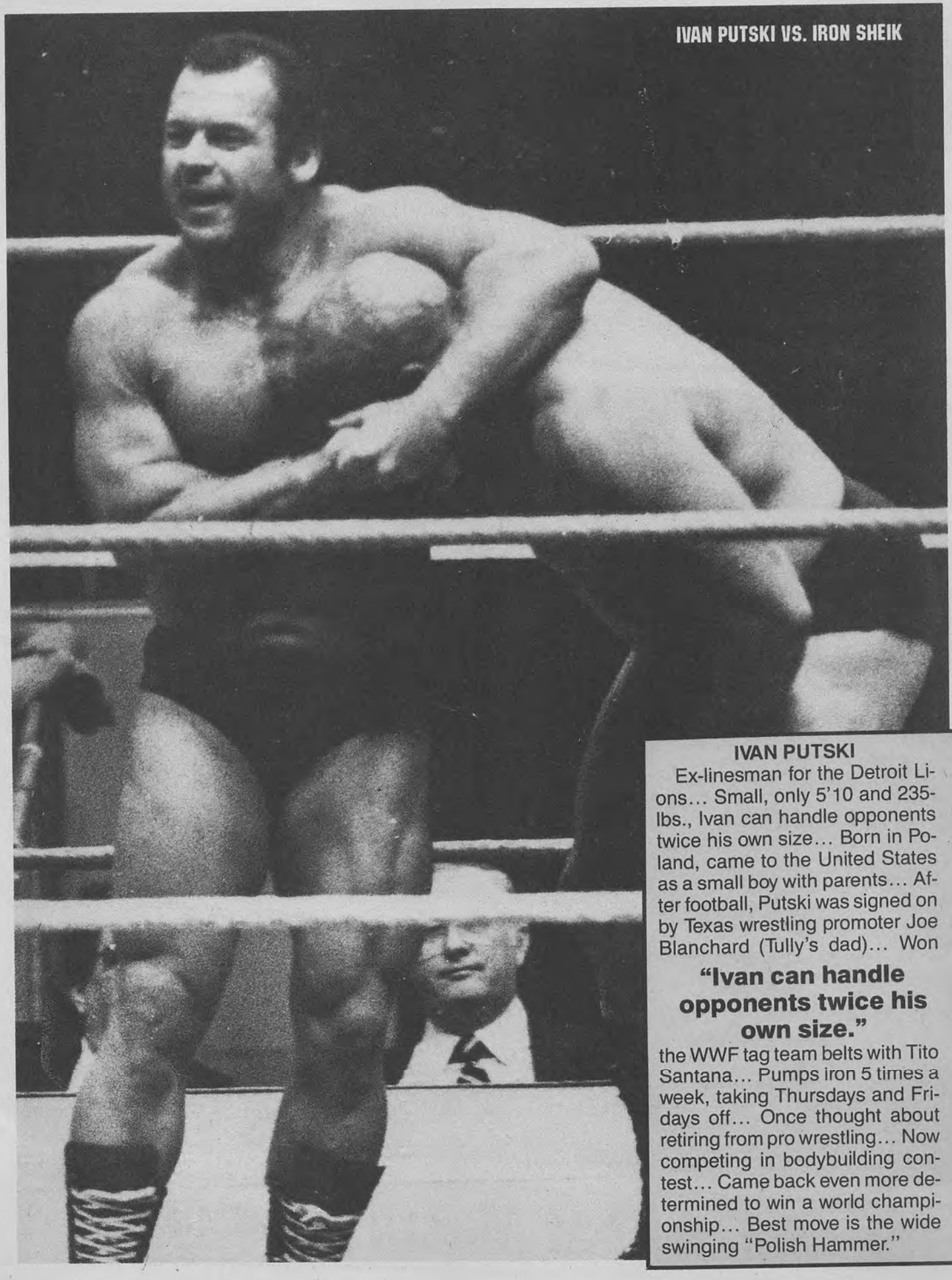




IVAN PUTSKI VS. IRON SHEIK

IVAN PUTSKI

Ex-linesman for the Detroit Lions... Small, only 5'10 and 235-lbs., Ivan can handle opponents twice his own size... Born in Poland, came to the United States as a small boy with parents... After football, Putski was signed on by Texas wrestling promoter Joe Blanchard (Tully's dad)... Won

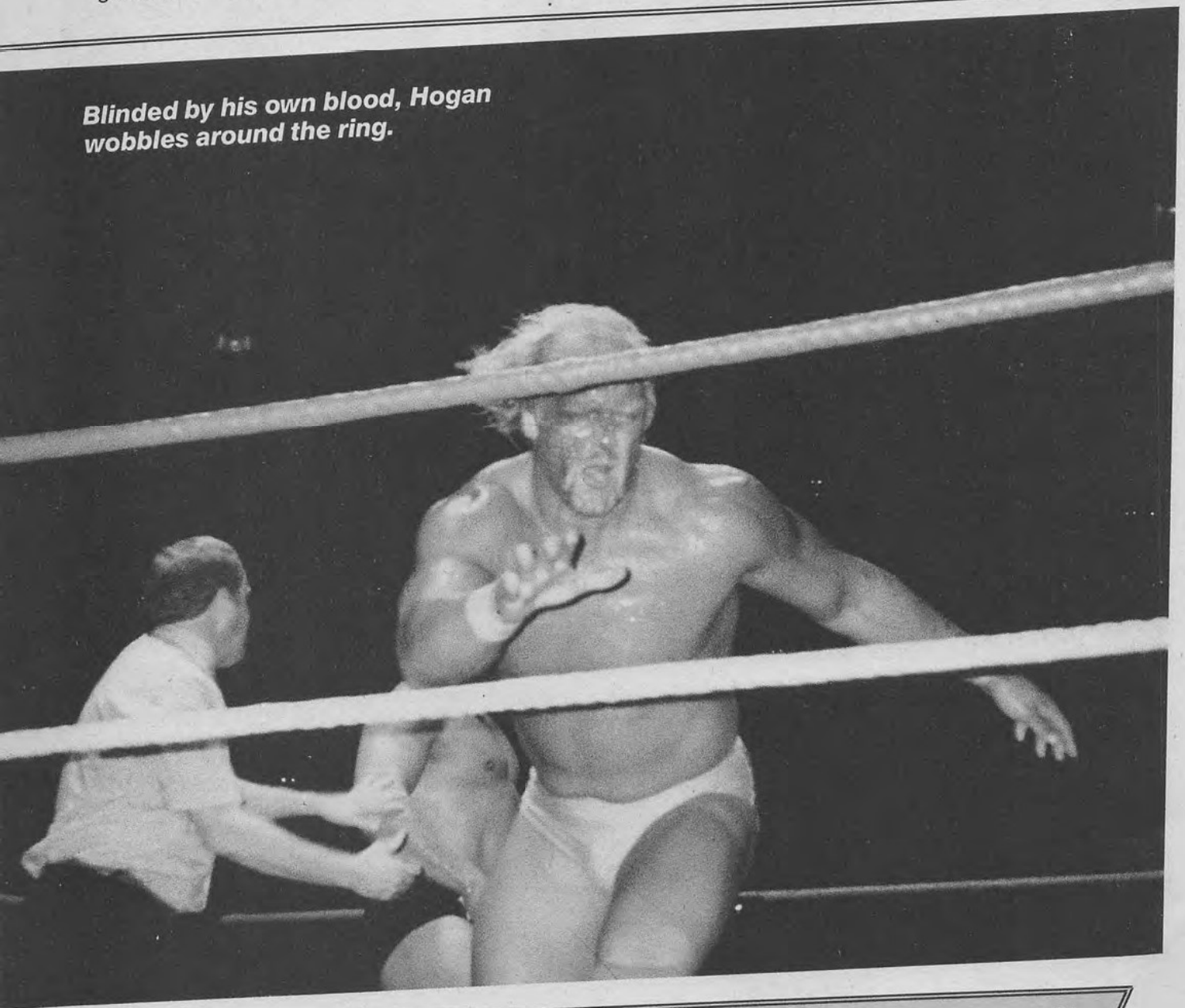
"Ivan can handle opponents twice his own size."

the WWF tag team belts with Tito Santana... Pumps iron 5 times a week, taking Thursdays and Fridays off... Once thought about retiring from pro wrestling... Now competing in bodybuilding contest... Came back even more determined to win a world championship... Best move is the wide swinging "Polish Hammer."

HULK HOGAN VS. STAN

Technically, they're a lot alike. Both men depend on forearm smashes, clotheslines and knee-drops to earn them victory. It'll be a cold day down below before you'll see either man drop to the canvas and ride-out an opponent. Hulk Hogan and Stan 'The Lariat' Hansen are brawlers. If boxing wasn't so restricting, they might have donned the gloves for a living. However, they chose wrestling after minor successes in other careers. The Hulkster left the glitter of Rock 'N' Roll and Hansen departed from the football gridiron.

Personality-wise, the AWA and WWF champs are miles apart. Hogan plays to the spectators, Hansen despises them. To Hulk, wrestling is a means to a Hollywood ending. For Stan, beating up a challenger is its own reward. Already, top promoters in



Blinded by his own blood, Hogan wobbles around the ring.

The Match That Mustn't Happen!

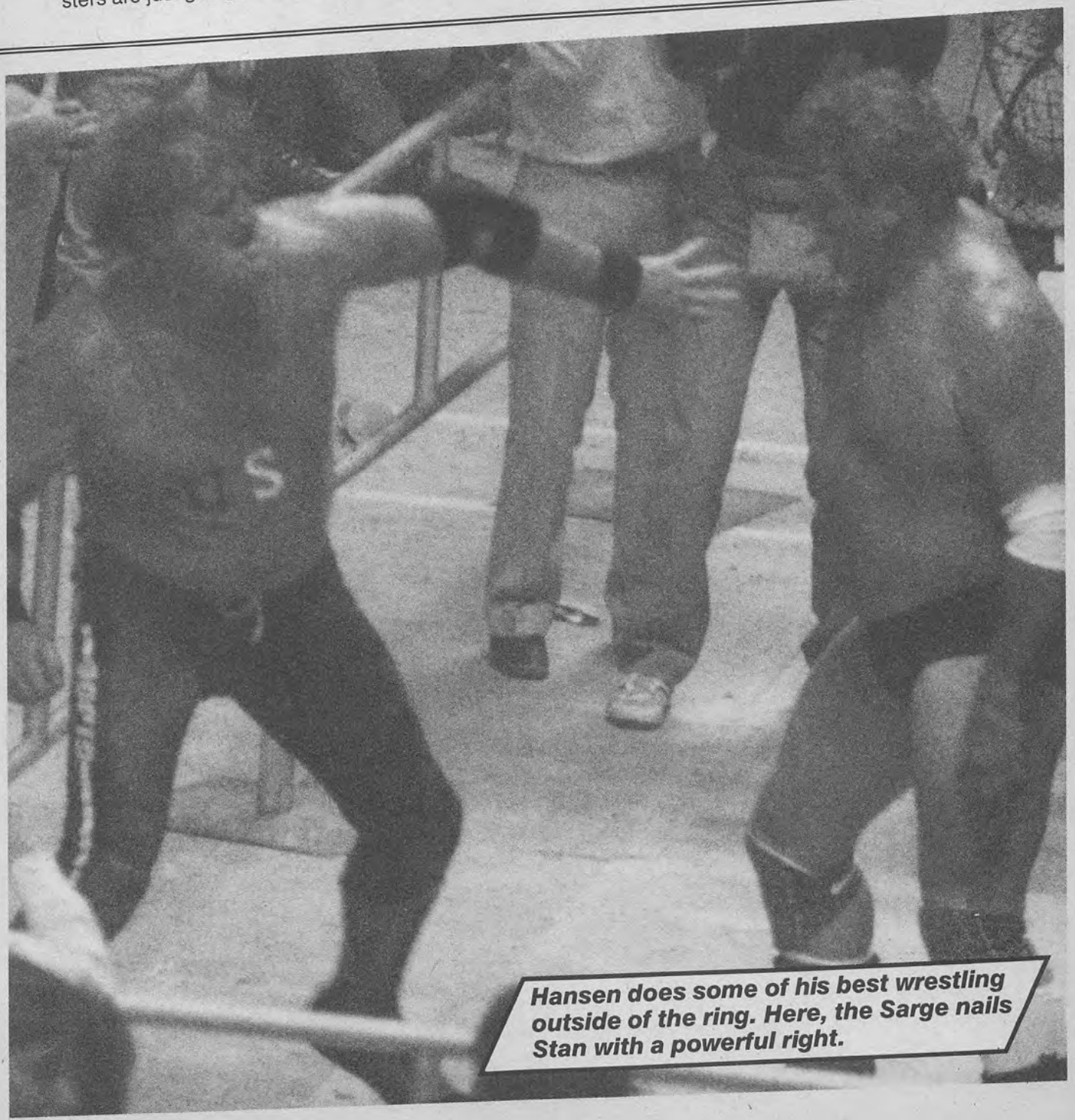
HANSEN

"A match between Hansen and Hogan will end up in murder."

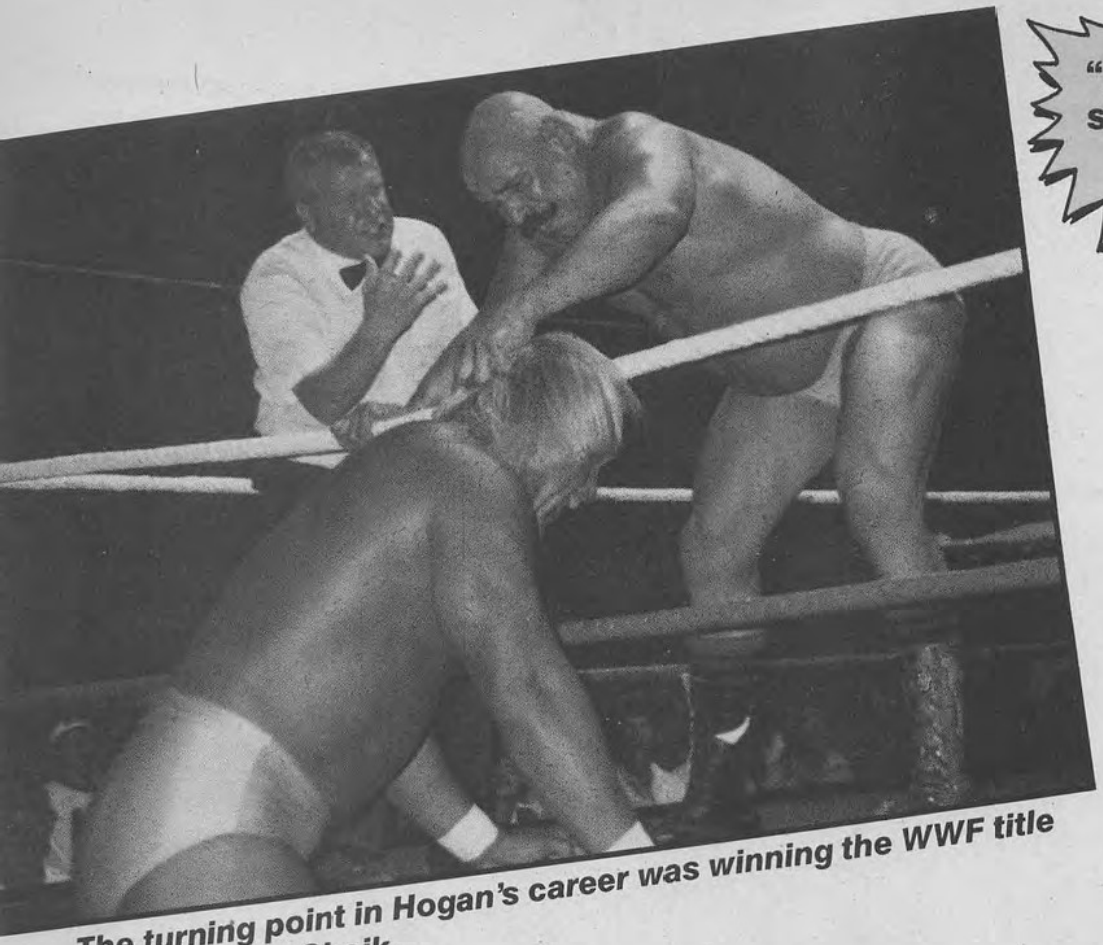
both leagues are clandestinely meeting, attempting to make a Hansen-Hogan bout.

We at WRESTLING POWER hope they are unsuccessful. A match between Hansen and Hogan will end up in murder. It's an ugly sort of bout with both brawlers just coming straight out for the kill. Forget about armbars and Figure-4's, these monsters are just going to lob elbows and knees. Ribs are going to be smashed and someone's skull is going to split up.

An outlaw by nature, Stan Hansen won the AWA title on Dec. 29th, at the New Jersey Meadowlands. The previous and popular titleholder, Rick Martel, was no match for the cowboy. Prior to this, Hansen and Martel had feuded throughout the Midwest with Rick keeping the championship on double



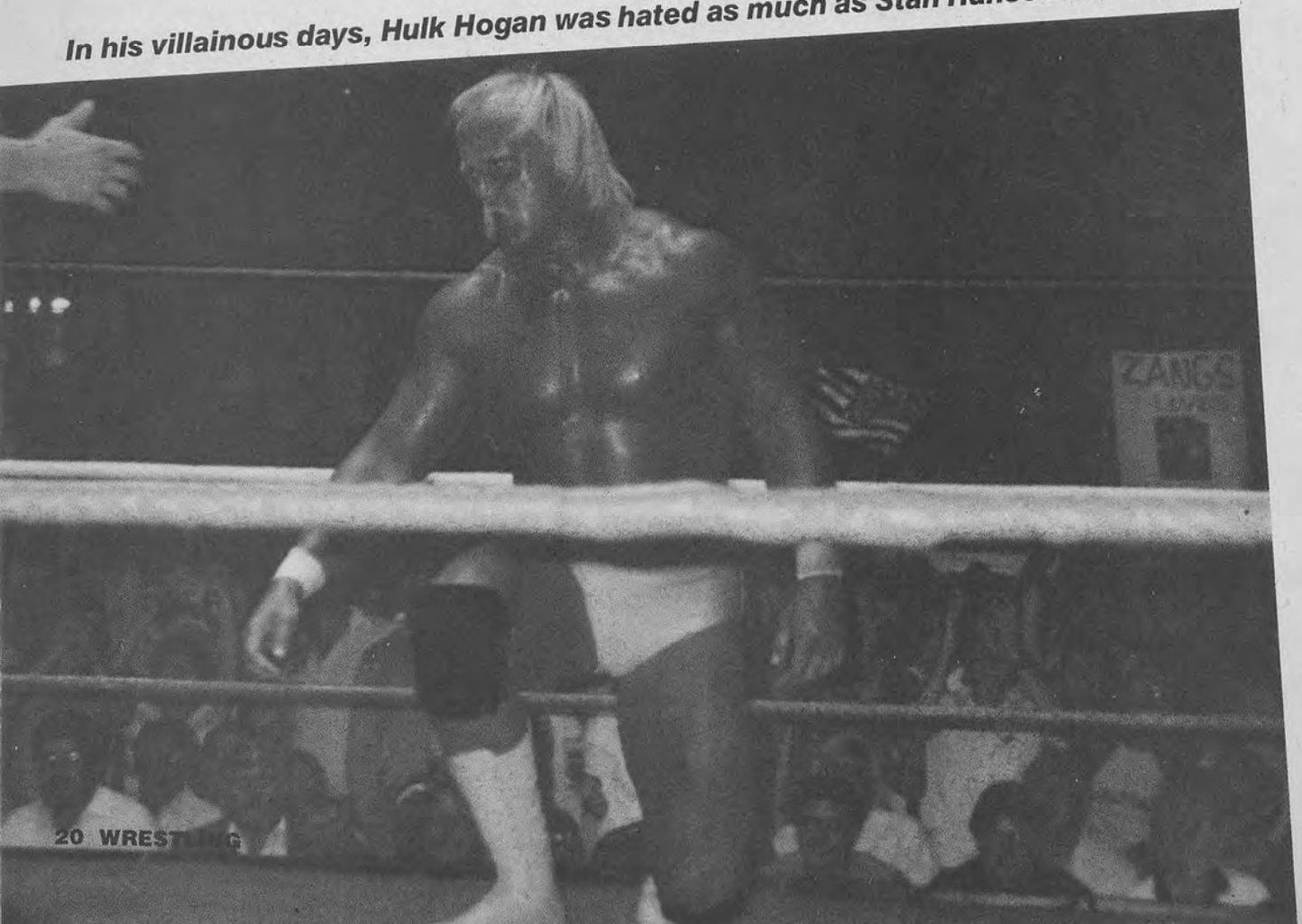
Hansen does some of his best wrestling outside of the ring. Here, the Sarge nails Stan with a powerful right.

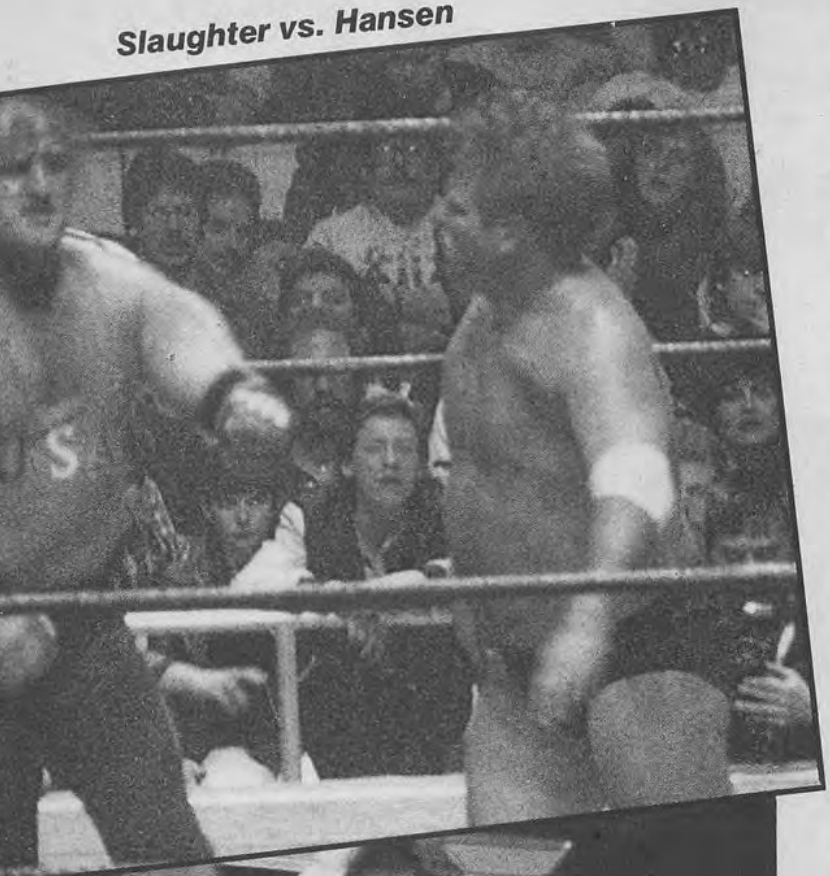


The turning point in Hogan's career was winning the WWF title from the Iron Sheik.

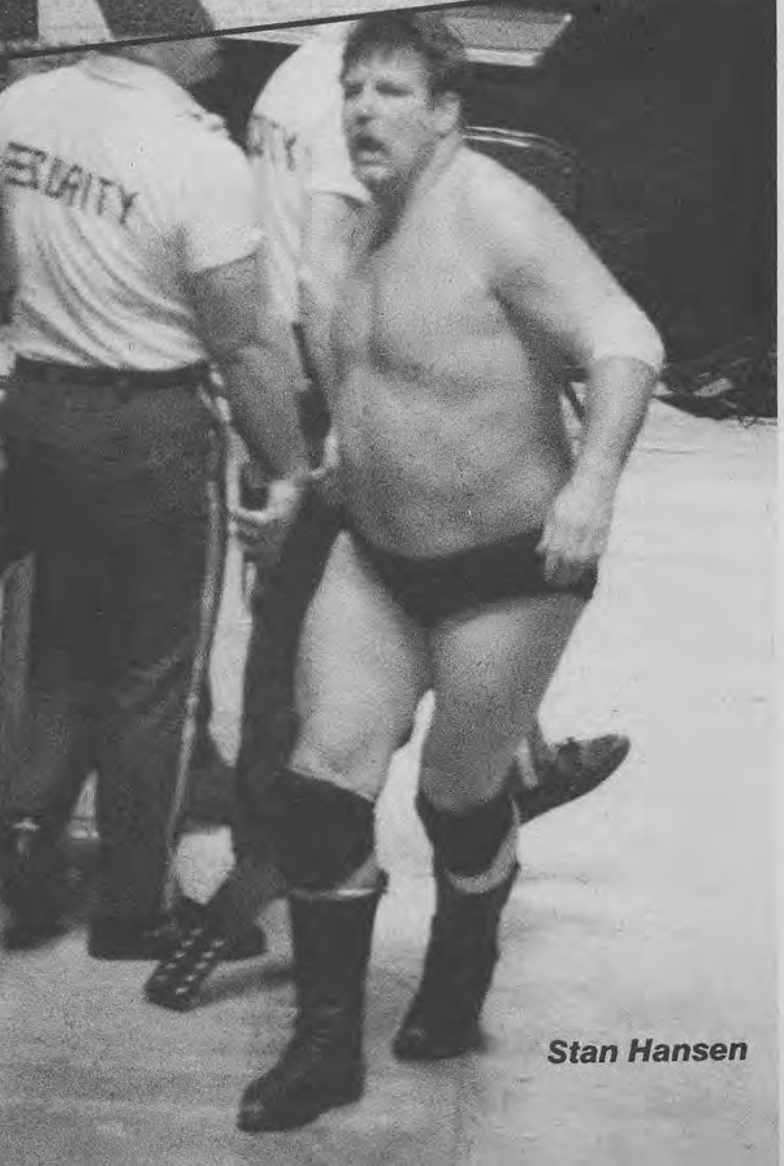
"Hogan plays to the spectators, Hansen despises them."

In his villainous days, Hulk Hogan was hated as much as Stan Hansen is today.





Slaughter vs. Hansen



Stan Hansen

disqualifications. Despite having injured his back (four days before), Martel went ahead with the fateful match. Hansen won by submission using the Boston Crab. Only inches from the ring ropes, Rick was in such extreme pain that he failed to reach out and grab even a single strand. Since then, Stan has been a powerful champ. In just his first months as titleholder, Hansen has thwarted the challenges of Sgt. Slaughter, Curt Henning and Scott Hall. Of all the AWA challengers, the candidate most likely to overthrow Stan is ex-champ Nick Bockwinkle. Though over 40-years-old, Nick increased his chances of being champ again by going good. This change in nature came after a feud with Larry Zybszko.

On the other side of the championship fence is Hulk Hogan. Sometimes more interested in rocking than rassling, Hogan has been champ since January 23, 1984. Since stopping the Iron Sheik in a mere five-minutes, the Hulkster has issued in a whole new era of pro wrestling. Before Hogan, wrestlers were judged on their wrestling skills alone. Today, a wrestler's marketability is just as important. Oversized (6'8) and overstated, Hulk is a popular titleholder. He has been an effective champion with none of his matches going more than ten minutes. In accordance with WWF tradition, Hulk Hogan has yet to defend his belt against another 'good guy.' So far, his opponents have been only rulebreakers like Roddy Piper, King Kong Bundy, and Big John Studd.

To date, his toughest challenger has been Randy 'Macho Man' Savage. The two men met in a series of bloody battles last winter. The outcomes of most of their matches have been count-outs and disqualifications in the Hulk's favor. Of course, what had helped Savage was the stunning distraction of sexy Elizabeth. As in their January Madison Square Garden match, whenever Hulk would prepare to ram Randy into the outside ringposts, Elizabeth would step between the wrestlers and the posts. Her valiant efforts gave Randy enough time to gain the upperhand.

Still, Hulk Hogan is champ, and like Hansen, his challengers are hardly formidable. At this point it boils down to Hulk and Hansen. Ric Flair, the NWA champ, is beset by several dangerous challengers. He has little time to think about a unification match. To the winner of a Hogan-Hansen match would go both belts and an immortal place in ring history. The loser, although certainly richer, would be worse for the wear. Crippled or maimed, it's a sure bet, his career would be over.

No matter how profitable it might be, we ask the promoters to reconsider. Please, don't make this match!

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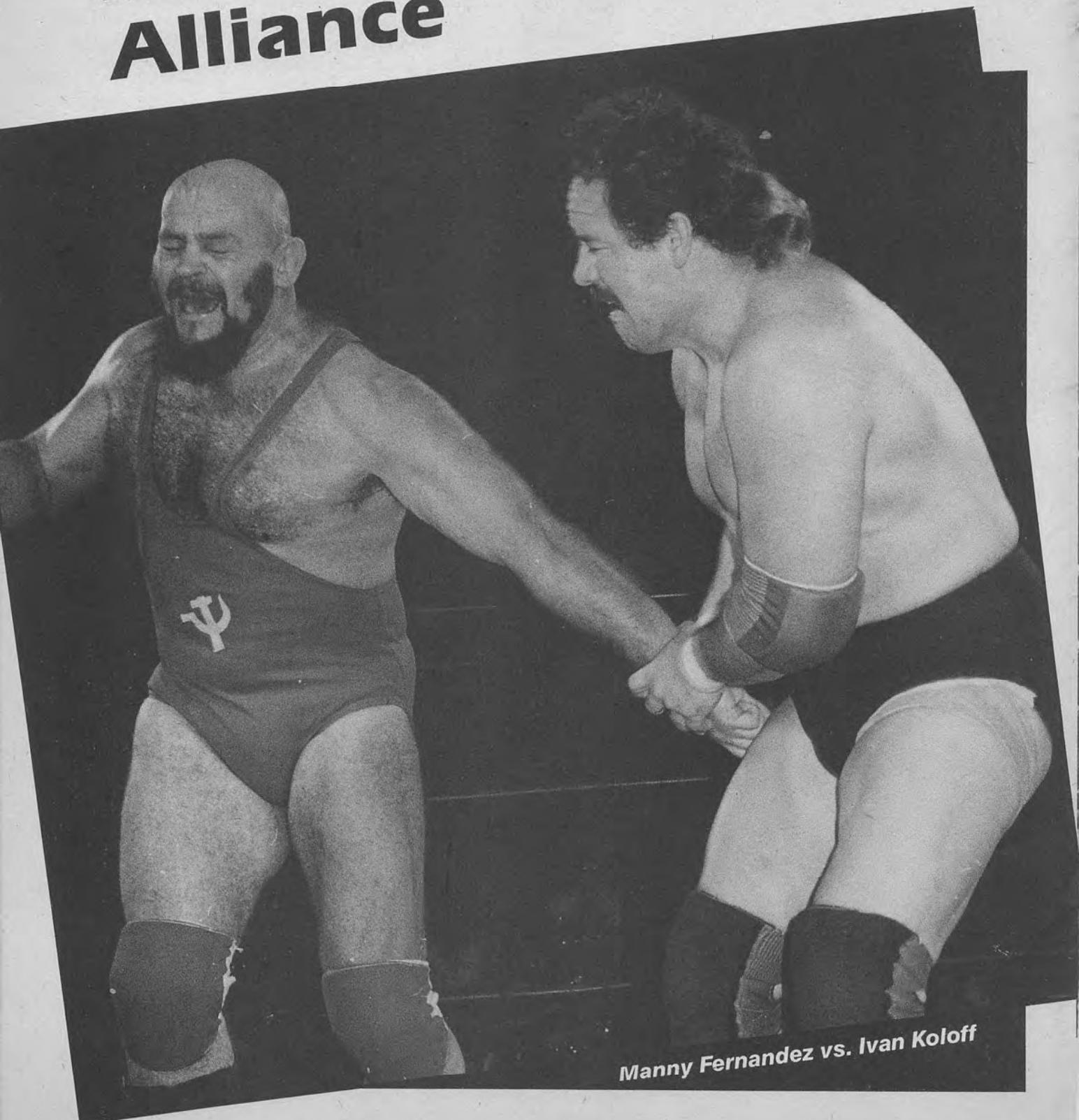
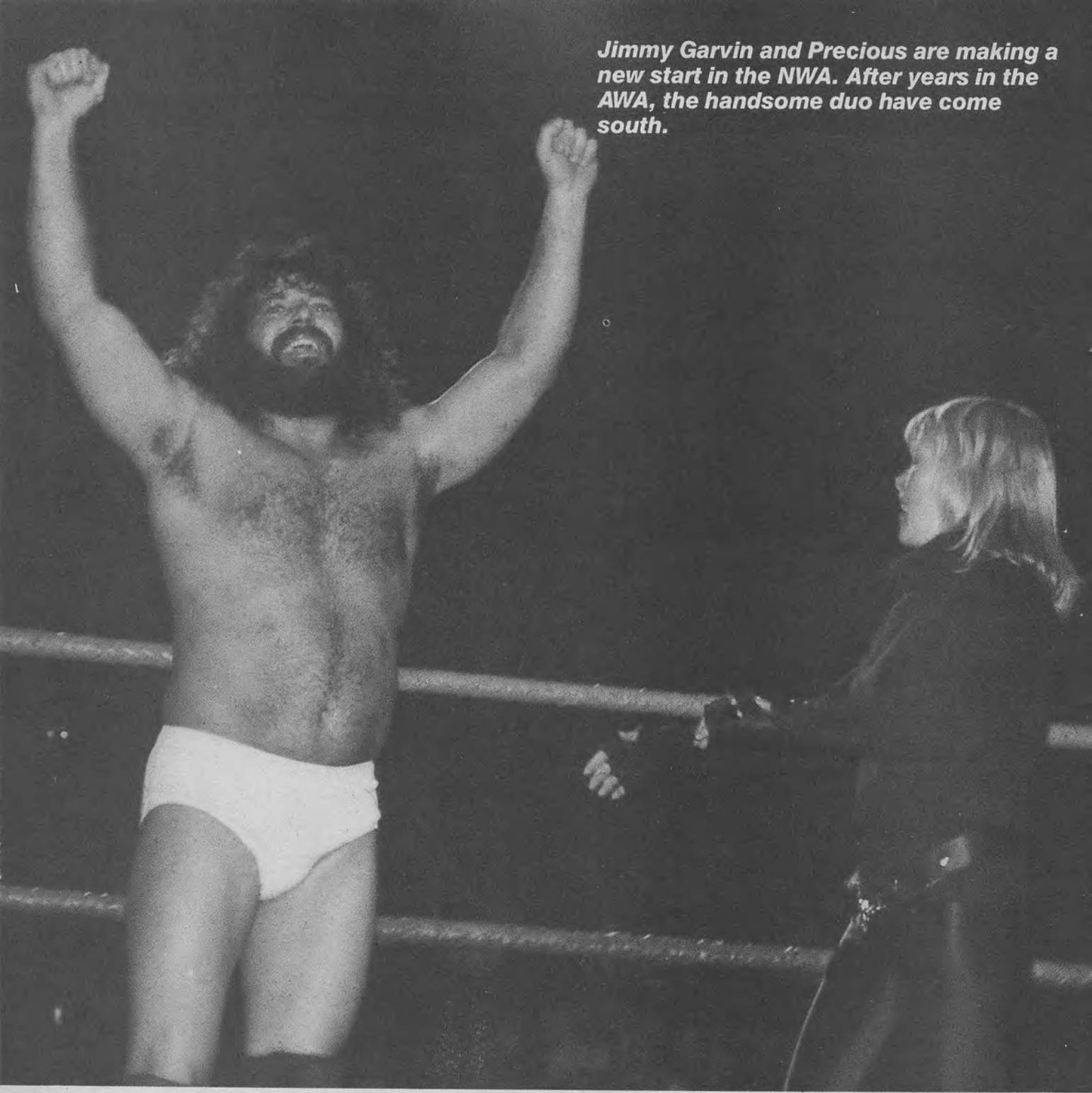
The Superstars of the National Wrestling Alliance



Manny Fernandez vs. Ivan Koloff

Will the feud between Ric Flair and
Magnum TA ever be settled?

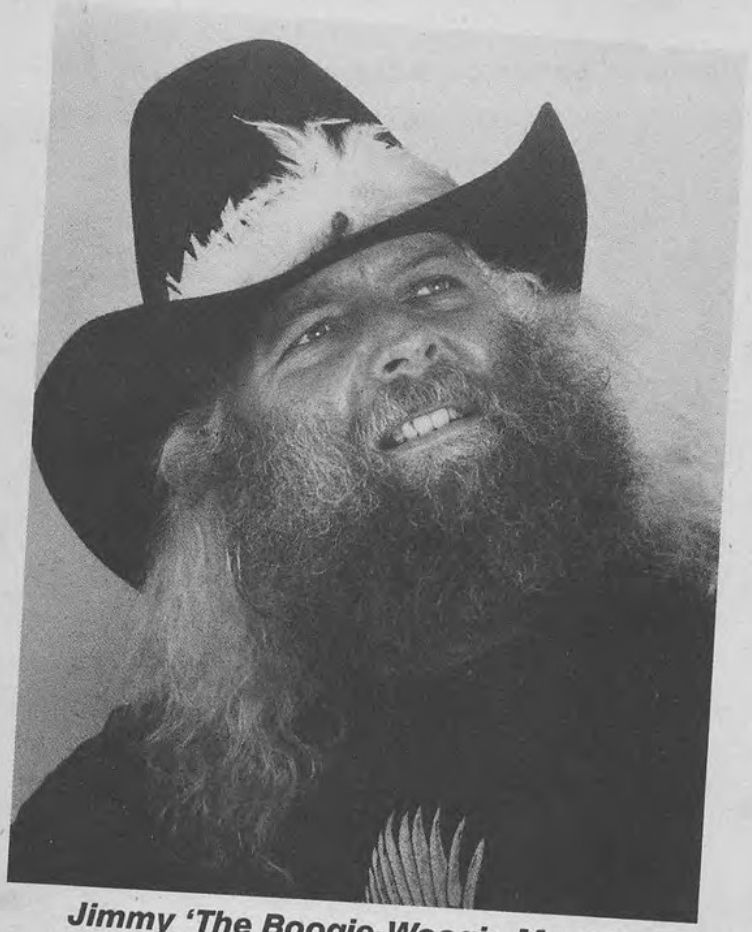


Jimmy Garvin and Precious are making a new start in the NWA. After years in the AWA, the handsome duo have come south.

Ric Flair has been NWA world heavyweight champion since May 24, 1984. He defeated Kerry Von Erich in Yokosuka City, Japan to regain his title. As champ, he makes an appearance in every local promotion at least once a year. At this time, his two toughest challengers are Dusty Rhodes and Jimmy Garvin. Tired of being 'Mr. Nice-Guy,' Dusty has been booed in some of his matches against Flair because of his foul tactics. In one match, Dusty used a pair of brass knuckles on the champ. The champ went down, but so did the referee (he was hit as Dusty swung at Flair). Rhodes had the champ in a cradle and ready for the three-count when he noticed the referee was out cold. Dusty left Flair to help the official. This gave Ric enough time to get up and sunset-flip Dusty for an 'official' pin-count.

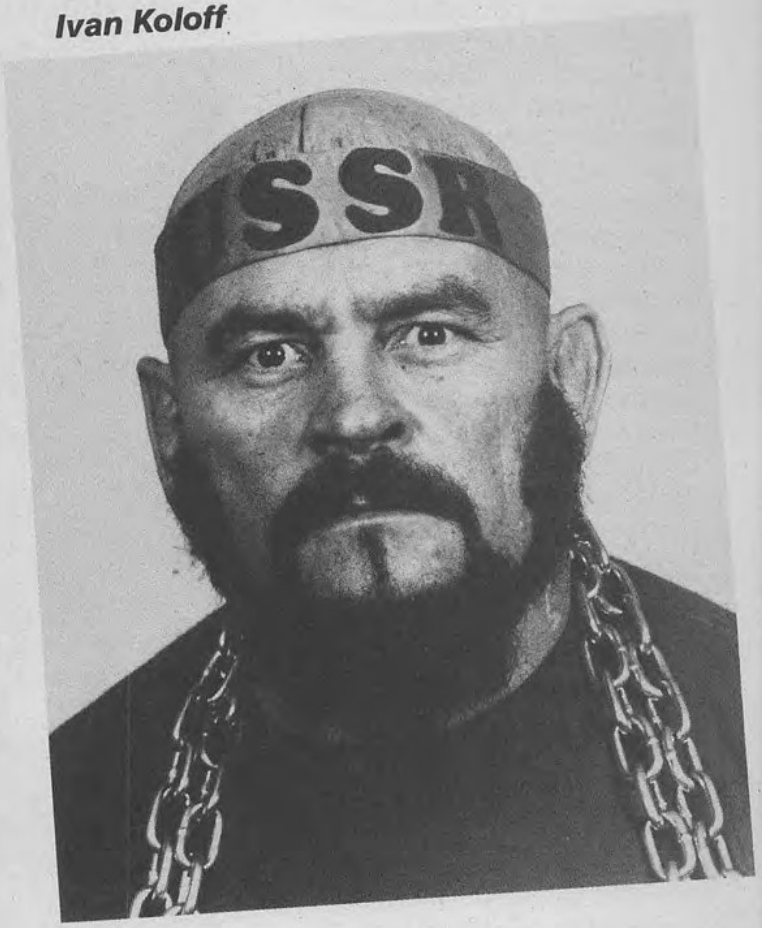
Jimmy Garvin has been coming up with draws when he wrestles Flair. Finally, Garvin asked the referee for five 'extra' minutes that would be unofficial. The referee agreed and Garvin pinned Ric Flair!! In the NWA, Arn Anderson is the World Television Champ. He won that honor in a tournament held in Greensboro, NC. He has been champ since January 4, 1986.

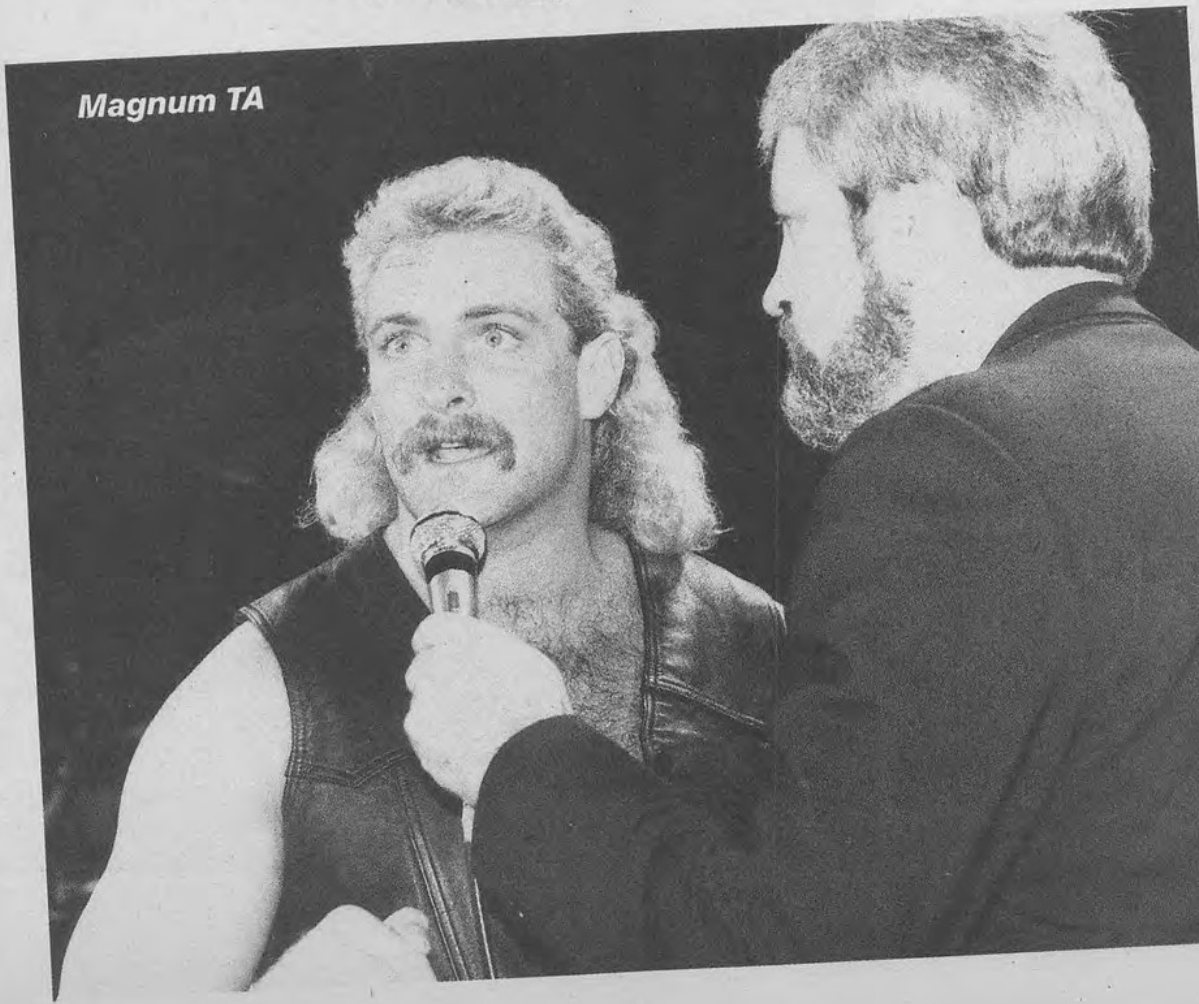
The U.S. heavyweight cham-



Jimmy 'The Boogie-Woogie Man' Valiant, a hot star in Georgia and the Carolinas.

Ivan Koloff





Magnum TA

pion since Nov. 28, 1985 is Magnum TA. So far, Magnum has been in a constant state of war against Tully Blanchard, the new National heavyweight champion. Their feud started over the beautiful Baby Doll. However, in the end it was Dusty Rhodes who won the attention of this valet. Blanchard won his National title with help from his pal Ric Flair. The world champ, who was at ringside, slipped his buddy a pair of brass knuckles to use on the then-champ, Dusty Rhodes. Magnum didn't need any of that kind of help to win his belt from Tully.

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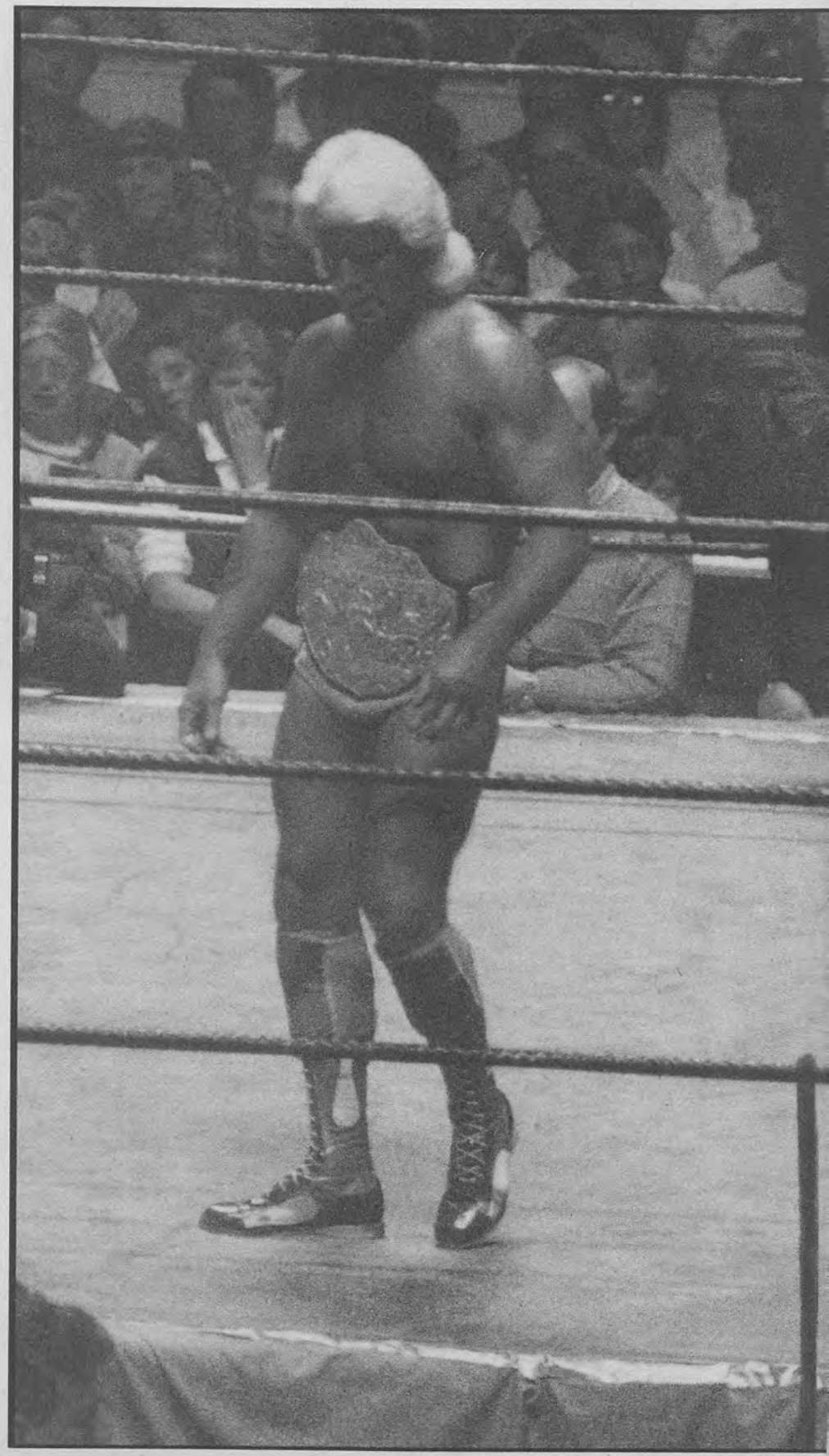
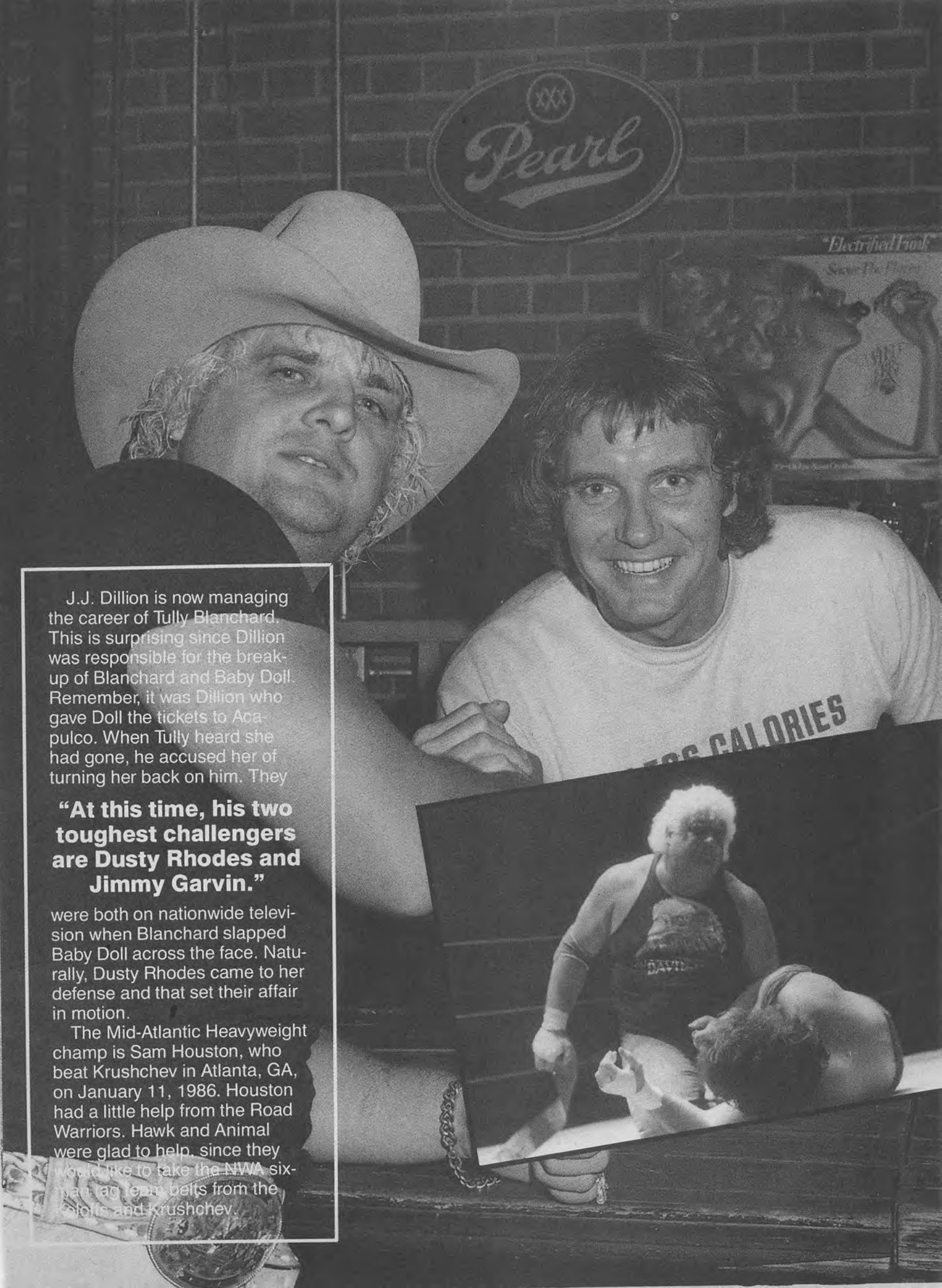
The NWA world tag team titles are held by bad guys Dennis Condrey and Bobby Eaton, or as we know them, the Midnight Express. They won their belts on Feb. 3, 1986 from the popular Rock 'N' Roll Express. Their victory was aided in many ways by their manager Jim Cornette. The manager was fined $5,000 for using his tennis racquet in another match for the Midnight Express. Money doesn't mean much to a man like Cornette; he is already wealthy beyond anyone's dreams. What may have taught him a lesson was when the Rock 'N' Roll Express attacked the Midnight Express... and Jim, with their own tennis racquets! The Midnight Express is also facing the tough team of Ron Bass and Don Kernodle.

Manager Paul Jones is so confident of his latest protege, The Barbarian, that he is offering $10,000 to anyone who can pin him. Not many will be walking away with that money. The Barbarian is one of wrestling's strongest men.

Flair with his 'precious ten-pounds of gold.'





J.J. Dillion is now managing the career of Tully Blanchard. This is surprising since Dillion was responsible for the break-up of Blanchard and Baby Doll. Remember, it was Dillion who gave Doll the tickets to Acapulco. When Tully heard she had gone, he accused her of turning her back on him. They

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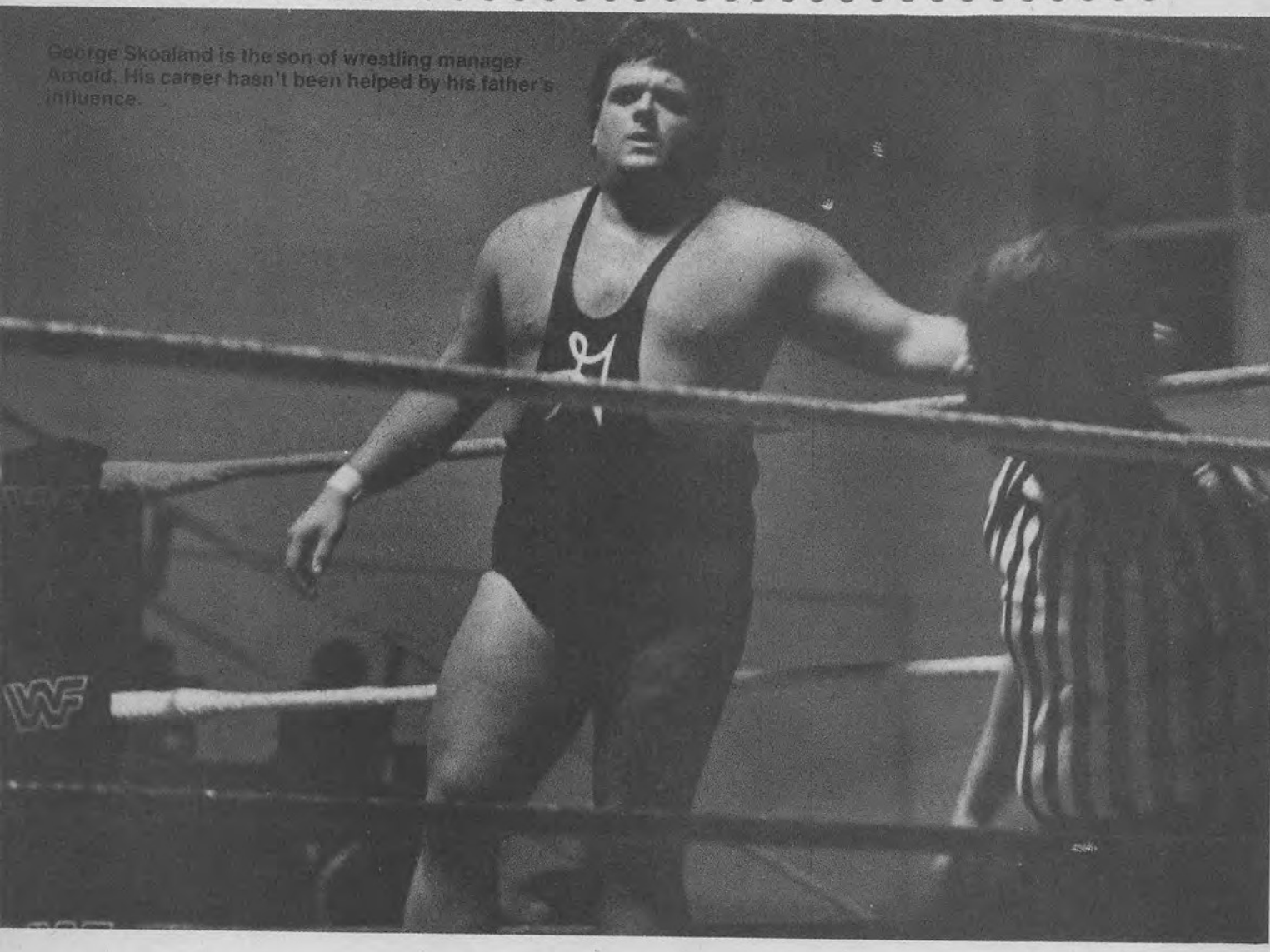
were both on nationwide television when Blanchard slapped Baby Doll across the face. Naturally, Dusty Rhodes came to her defense and that set their affair in motion.

The Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight champ is Sam Houston, who beat Krushchev in Atlanta, GA, on January 11, 1986. Houston had a little help from the Road Warriors. Hawk and Animal were glad to help, since they would like to take the NWA six-man tag team belts from the Rhodes and Krushchev.

HOW TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER



George Skoaland is the son of wrestling manager Arnold. His career hasn't been helped by his father's influence.

Almost everyone has dreamed of one day climbing into the squared circle. Who wouldn't love the excitement, the glory, the challenge and the cheers that come with being a professional wrestler? Agreed, it's a hard and exhausting lifestyle. The recent deaths of Rick McGraw, Gino Hernandez and Jay Youngblood attest to the dangers. Yet, looking at it from the outside, the rewards outweigh the risks.

The physical requirements are plain. Wrestlers come in all shapes and sizes. But, none are less than 200 lbs. A male wrestler below that limit would find it very difficult keeping up with the current contenders. Conditioning is also very important. Nowadays, all grapplers are steady weightlifters. Weight lifting and wrestling go well together. Both are great body builders and strength developers. By combining the two a person can develop a fine and useful body. Strange as it might seem, getting in shape to wrestle is the easy part. There are plenty of YMCAs, barbell clubs and

healthclubs for anyone interested in pumping iron.

Amateur wrestling skills can be learned in most American high schools and colleges. The tough part of becoming a professional wrestler is finding a wrestling promoter willing to take on a raw newcomer.

Sometimes, when you're a young wrestler with no experience it's very hard to get started in your hometown. In the beginning you're going to get beat by all these better wrestlers. Roddy Piper lost his first match to Larry Henning in 10 seconds. So, it's better to get started out-of-town. Take your lumps there, so you don't kill yourself off in your

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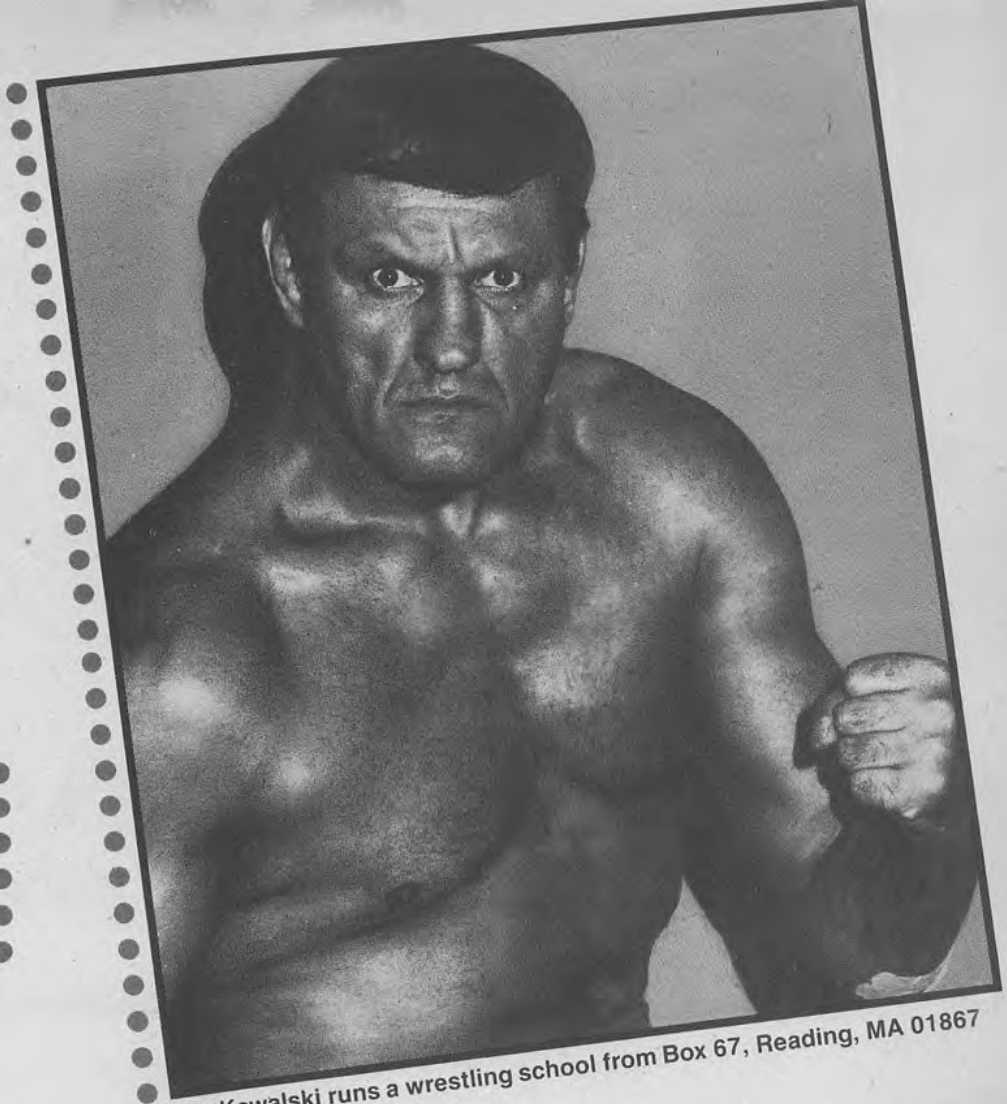
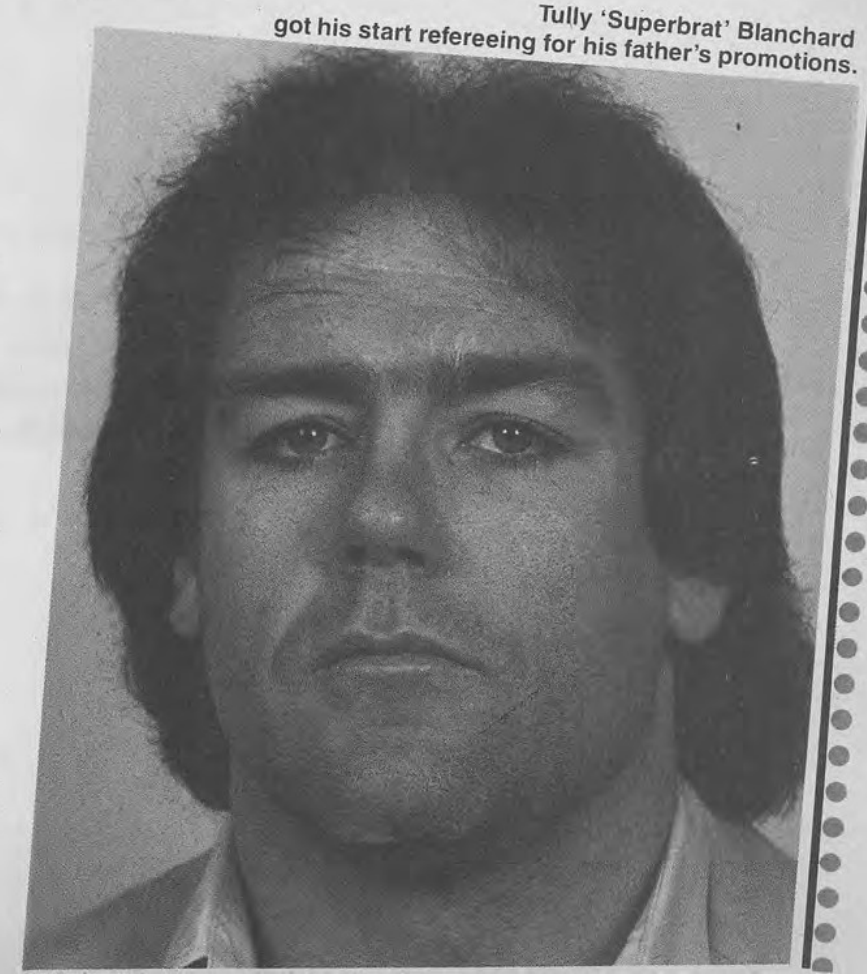
area. Don't let the promoter use you as a fall guy. That kind of reputation can stick to you and you'll get no respect in the business. Better you find a promoter who really believes in you. Perhaps, the promoter is looking for a local boy he can develop into a main eventer. This kind of thinking is common in the independent groups. Usually, the promoter wants someone with outside credentials. Maybe an ex-football player, NCAA wrestling champ or AAU star. Try to take advantage of your school years to win athletic awards.

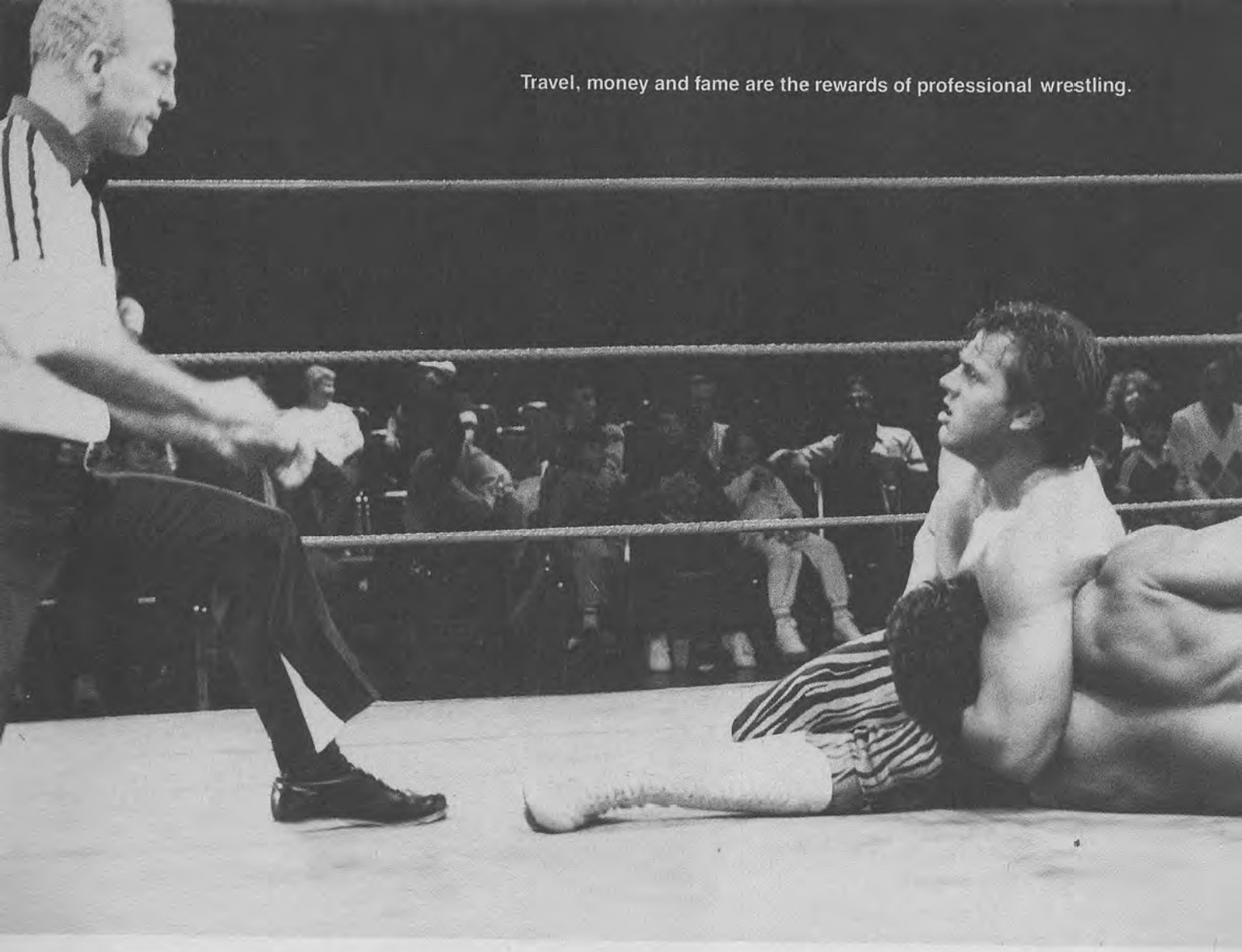
How important are outside accomplishments to your wrestling career? That depends on the individual, but basically, it's not what you did but what you will do. For example, in 1977, AWA champ Verne Gagne saw the need to bring new men into the pro ranks. Opening his own school, Gagne took a select few of the hundreds of applicants. Among those chosen few were Ken Patera, Olympic weight lifter and the first man to lift 500



Killer Kowalski runs a wrestling school from Box 67, Reading, MA 01867

Tully 'Superbrat' Blanchard got his start refereeing for his father's promotions.





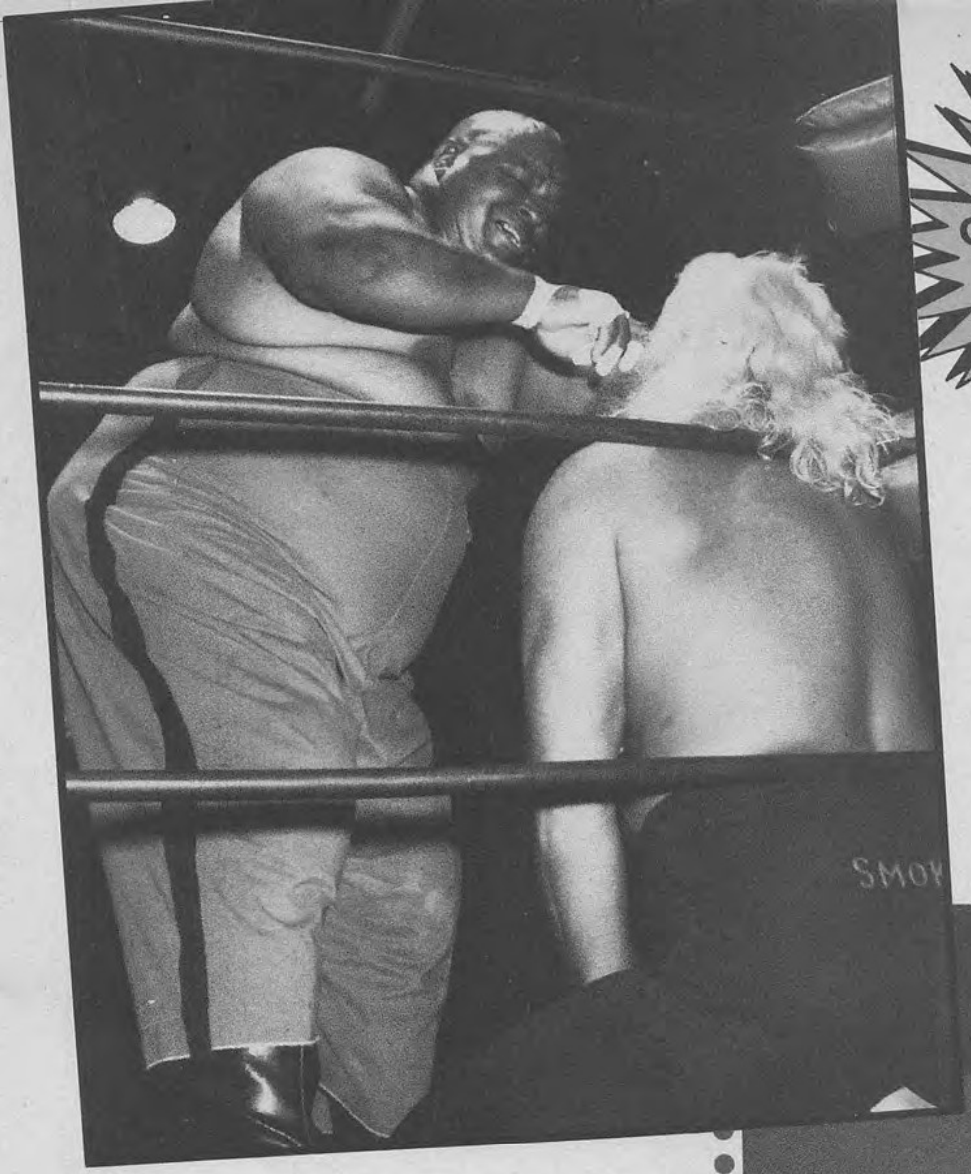
Travel, money and fame are the rewards of professional wrestling.

lbs., Bob Bruggers, an All-State champ in basketball and defensive linebacker for the San Diego Chargers, Kosrow Vaziri (the Iron Sheik), 1968 Olympic wrestling champ, and an unknown weightlifter named Ric Flair. Of those men, only the Iron Sheik and Flair are still wrestling. The Sheik has gone on to win both the WWF heavyweight title and to co-hold the WWF tag team belt. The once lightly-regarded Ric Flair has held the NWA world's heavyweight title for almost six years on-and-off.

However, having outside credentials does make life a lot easier. Wahoo McDaniels began his pro days at the top thanks to his gridiron reputation. So did 'Big' Bill Watts, who is now the promoter of Mid-South Wrestling. If you don't have an outstanding athletic background, what about family connections? Being the son of an ex-WWF champ gave David Sammartino a big push in his rookie days. Barry and Kendall Windham have had help from their father, Blackjack McGullian. Ricky Steamboat, Greg Valentine, Randy Savage, Bob 'Ace' Orton and the Von Erichs are all second-generation wrestlers. On the other hand, being Arnold Skoaland's kid hasn't really given George Skoaland (debuted on Jan. 19, 1986) any advantage.

"O'Connor became 'Big' John Studd and is now a top box-office attraction."

Sometimes, you can find a wrestler willing to act as your mentor. Hulk Hogan was playing guitar in nightclubs before Jack and Jerry Brisco taught him the business. Ed Sharkey, a former pro wrestler, has made a living out of teaching big, burly bodybuilders how to wrestle. Sharkey's past students have included the Road Warriors, Krusher Kruschev and the Masked Superstar. Until last year, Sharkey was under contract to the AWA. However, this has changed, and Ed can be found training would-be stars from all three federations. Killer Kowalski was a top star when he agreed to help out a California



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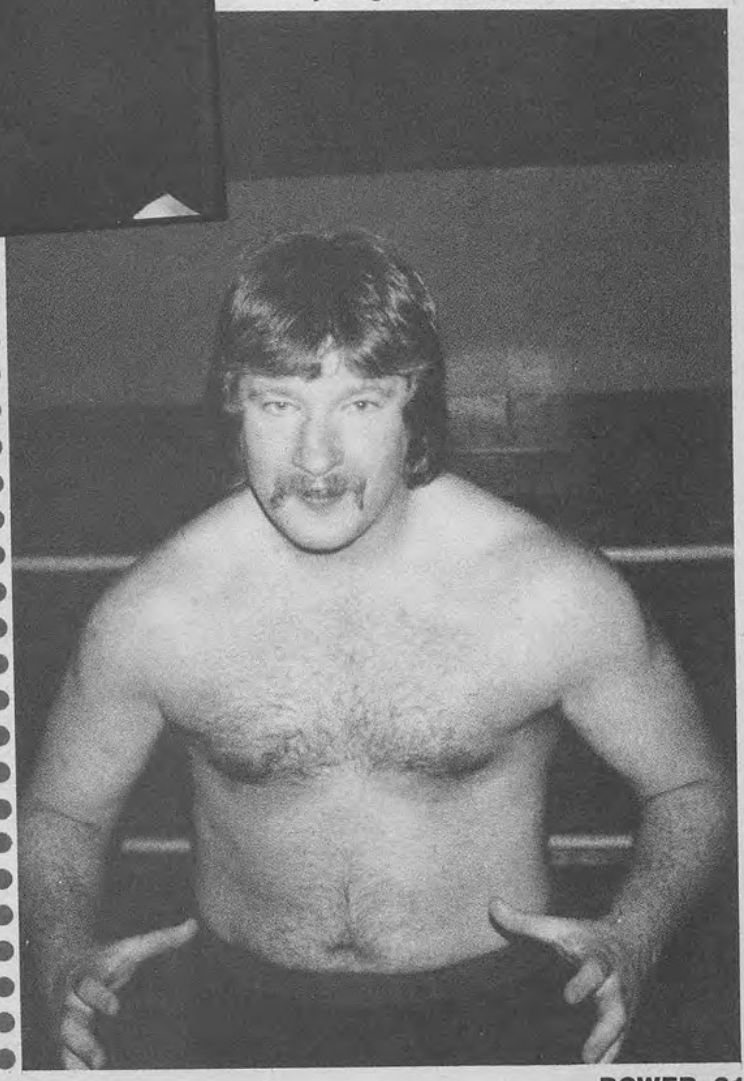
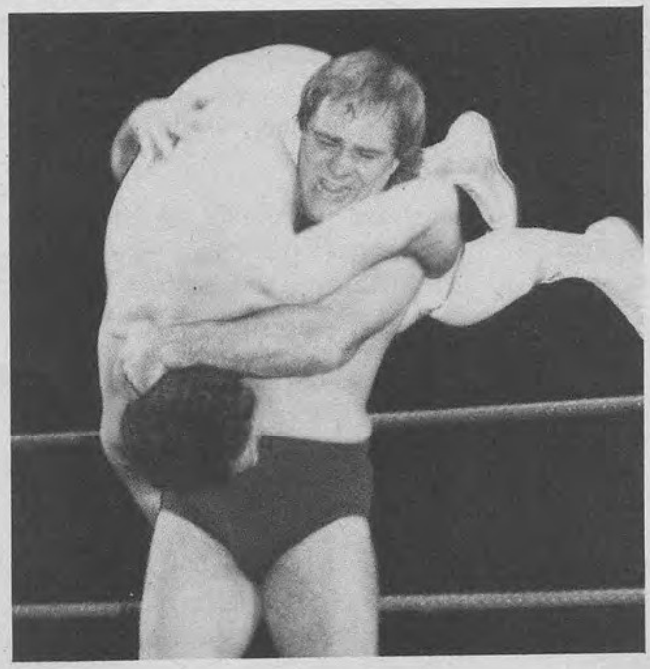
Vicious Verne–
–a young wrestler just starting out.



Larry Zbyszko broke into the game thanks to WWF champ Bruno Sammartino. Greg Gagne is the son of ex-AWA champ Verne.



rookie named Chuck O'Connor. The first thing Killer suggested was for Chuck to change his name. O'Connor became 'Big' John Studd and is now a top box-office attraction.

As everyone knows, Bruno Sammartino trained his young neighbor Larry Zbyszko, and Jay Strongbow broke-in Jimmy Valiant.

Being unique or different is another way of catching a promoter's attention. Born Billy Calhoun in Morgan's Corner, Arkansas, the 600-lb. Haystack Calhoun began wrestling at age 19. Kansas City promoter Orville Brown took a chance on the teenager and at his peak, Haystack was earning $3-million a year. Currently in semi-retirement, Calhoun drives around the country in a specially-made station wagon with heavily-reinforced shock absorbers. Being extremely fat is one way of getting into the business. However, being out-of-shape will lead to a very short career. If you watch a wrestler like Crusher Blackwell, you'll notice he's well-over the 400-lb. mark, but he can move with speed and balance. Some people are just naturally heavier than others. Today's famous fatties include One Man Gang, Kimala and King Kong Bundy.

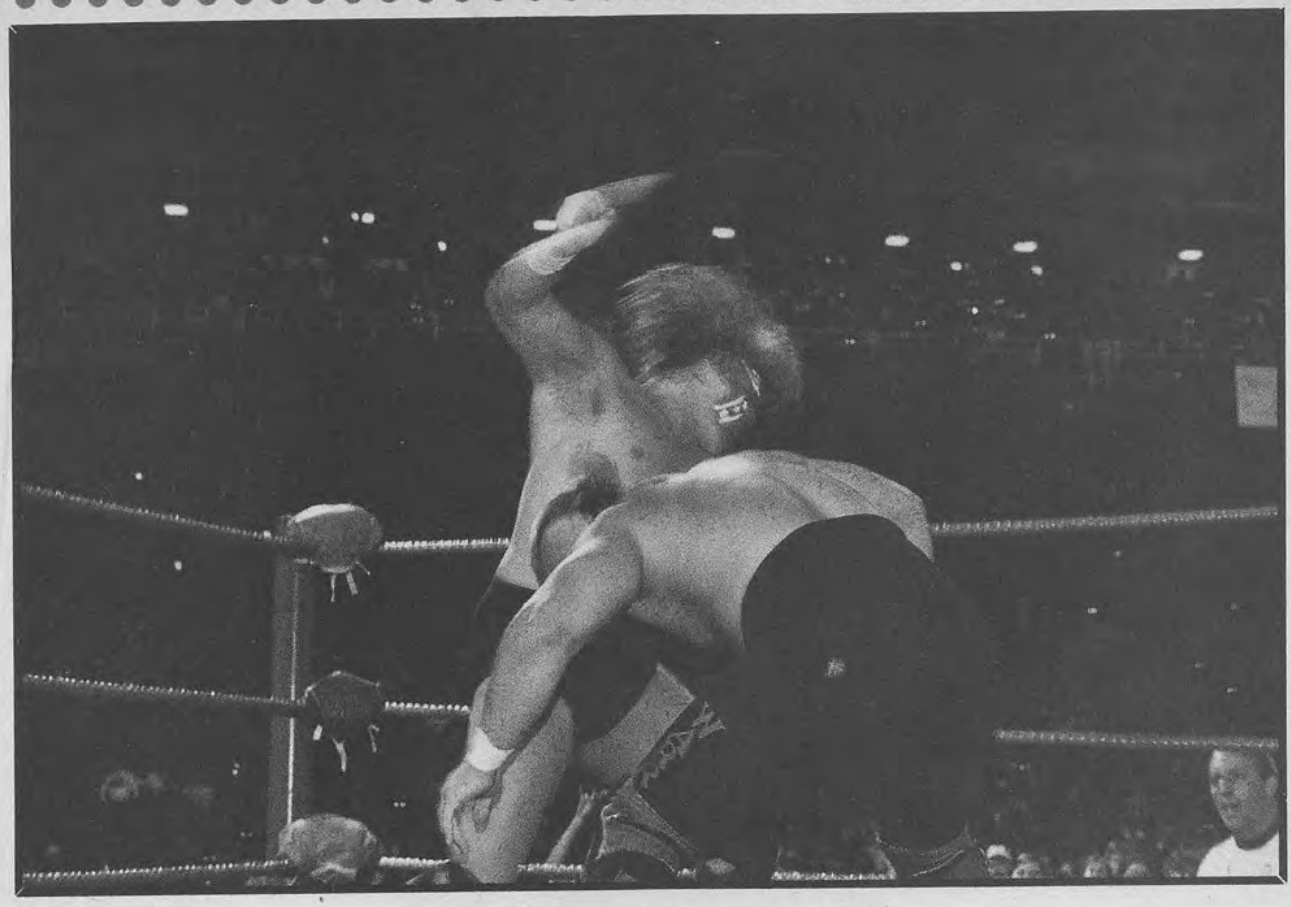
Giant wrestlers rarely make out. Usually, they're too slow and clumsy. The two biggest exceptions to this rule are Shohei Baba (6'10) and Andre the Giant (7'4).

For the average man, a career similar to that of 'Vicious' Verne Siebert might be expected. Verne, who has close to five years of ring experience, wanted to be a pro wrestler since grade school. He started on his goal with an extensive high school wrestling background. He later approached Rocky Della Serra, a pro wrestler of substantial success, who helped get Verne started. To begin with, Verne helped out the local promotion as he assisted in setting up the ring at many of the live shows. He also refereed and sold tickets. Siebert was on the short end of his first match, which was held in Cloverdale, BC, but he didn't feel too depressed as his opponent was Rocky Della Serra, his trainer.

Being a pro wrestler is a hard lifestyle. Here Steve Regal rushes to Jimmy Garvin's aid.

Siebert has since wrestled throughout the Northwest. He has been in with the very best that his area has to offer. While his win-loss record will no doubt improve, Verne is very philosophical about it all. "Each time I enter the ring, it's a continuing effort in my ring education. You meet so many diverse athletes with a variety of styles. It's only now that I'm really able to cope with the differences. I've been wrestling since I was 16 years old, I have the all-important advantage of youth on my side."

Most wrestlers would share that idea. It's not whether you win or lose, but that you are a professional wrestler. Are you ready to join them????



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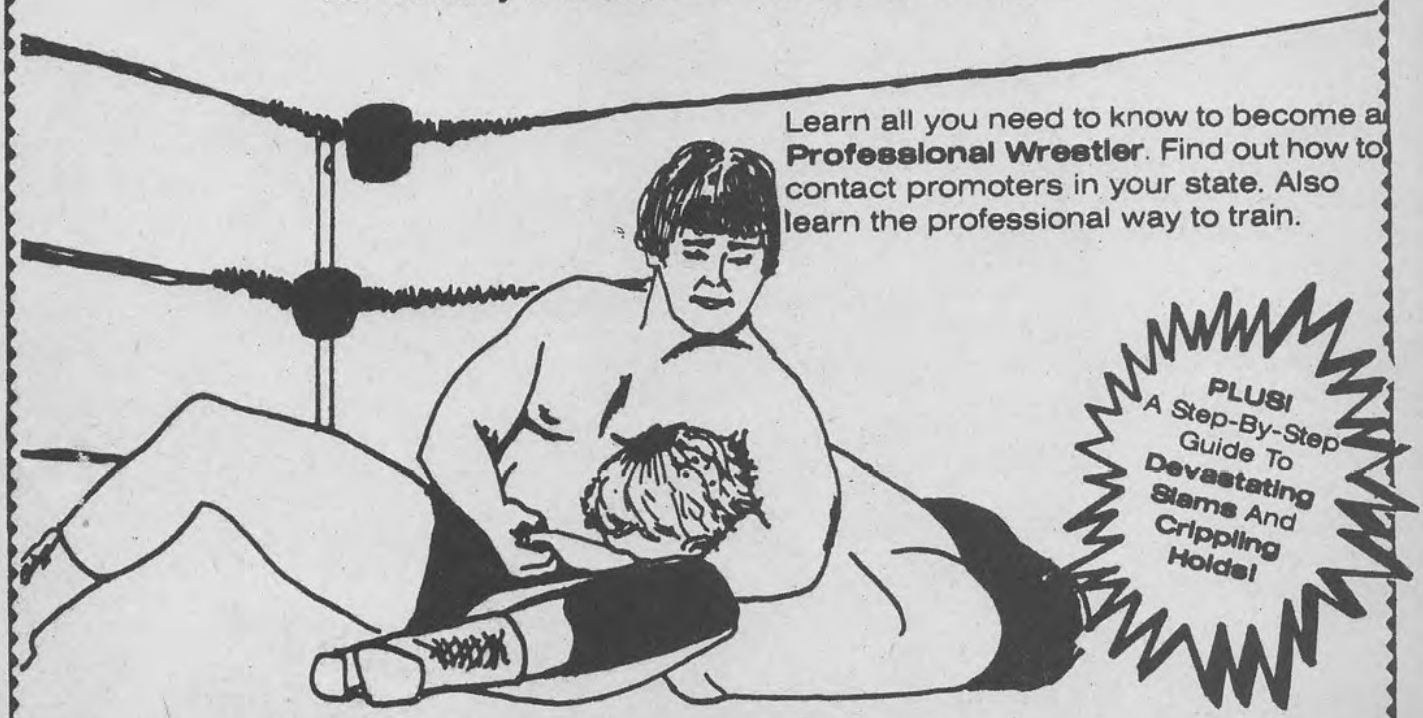

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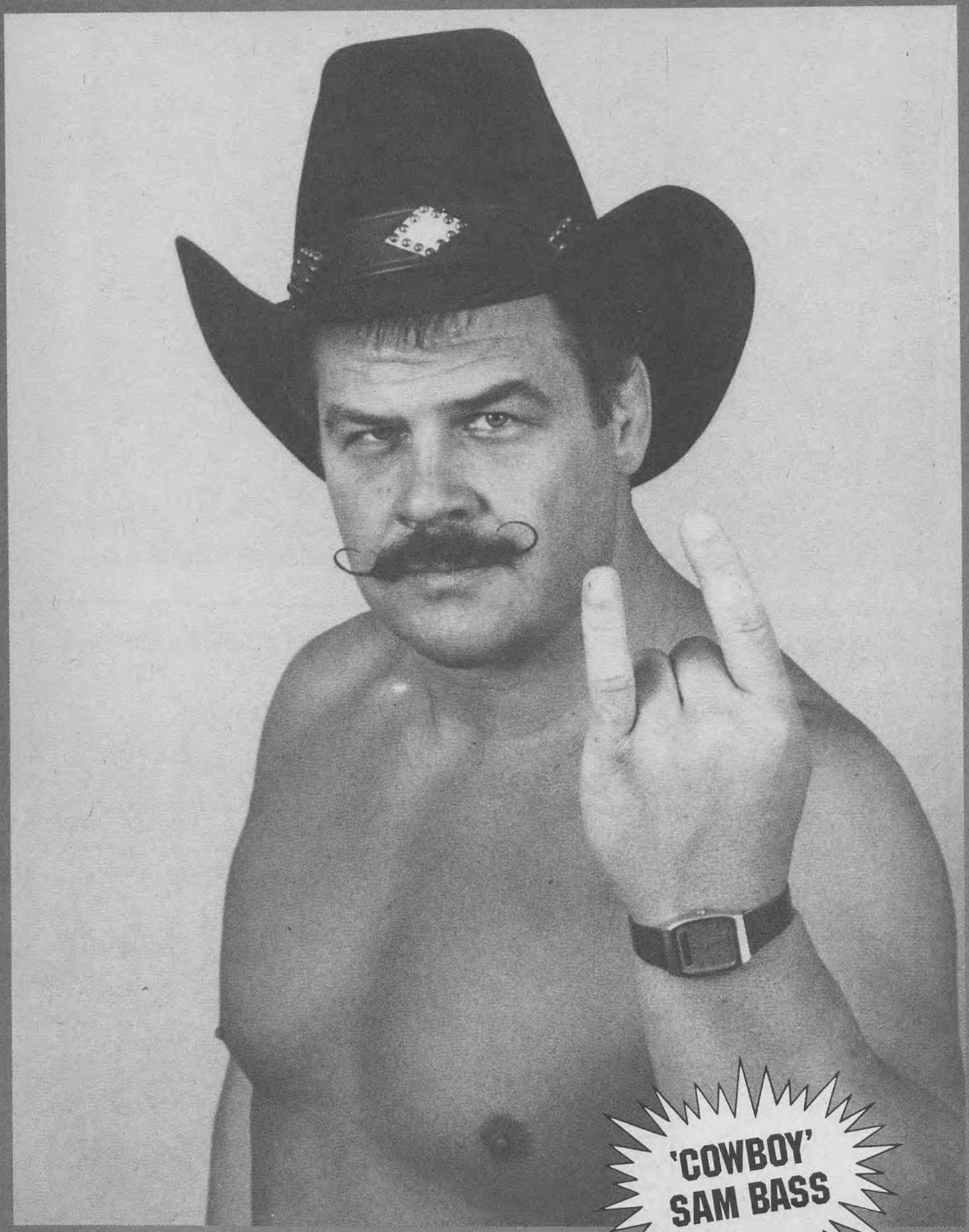

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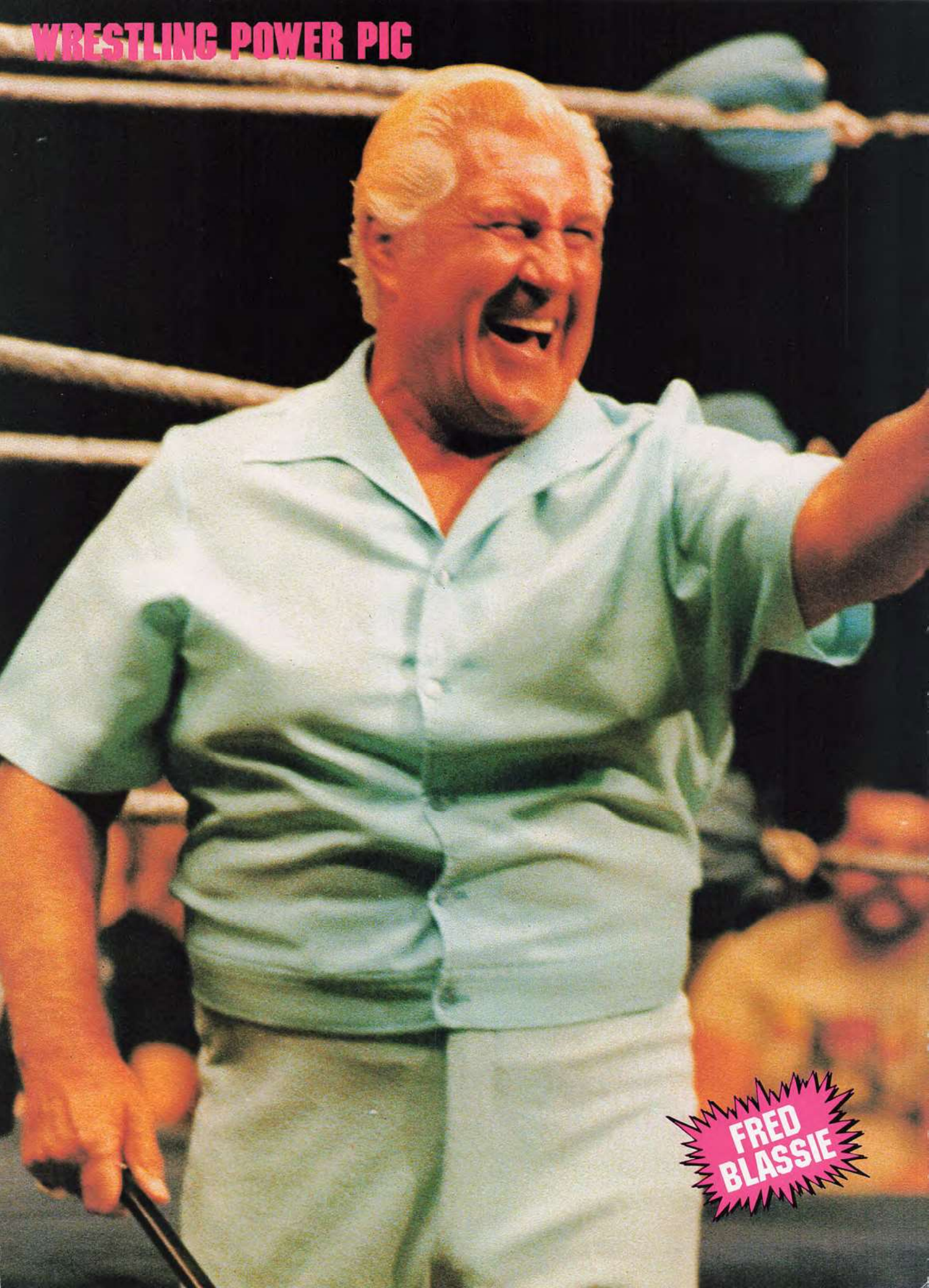

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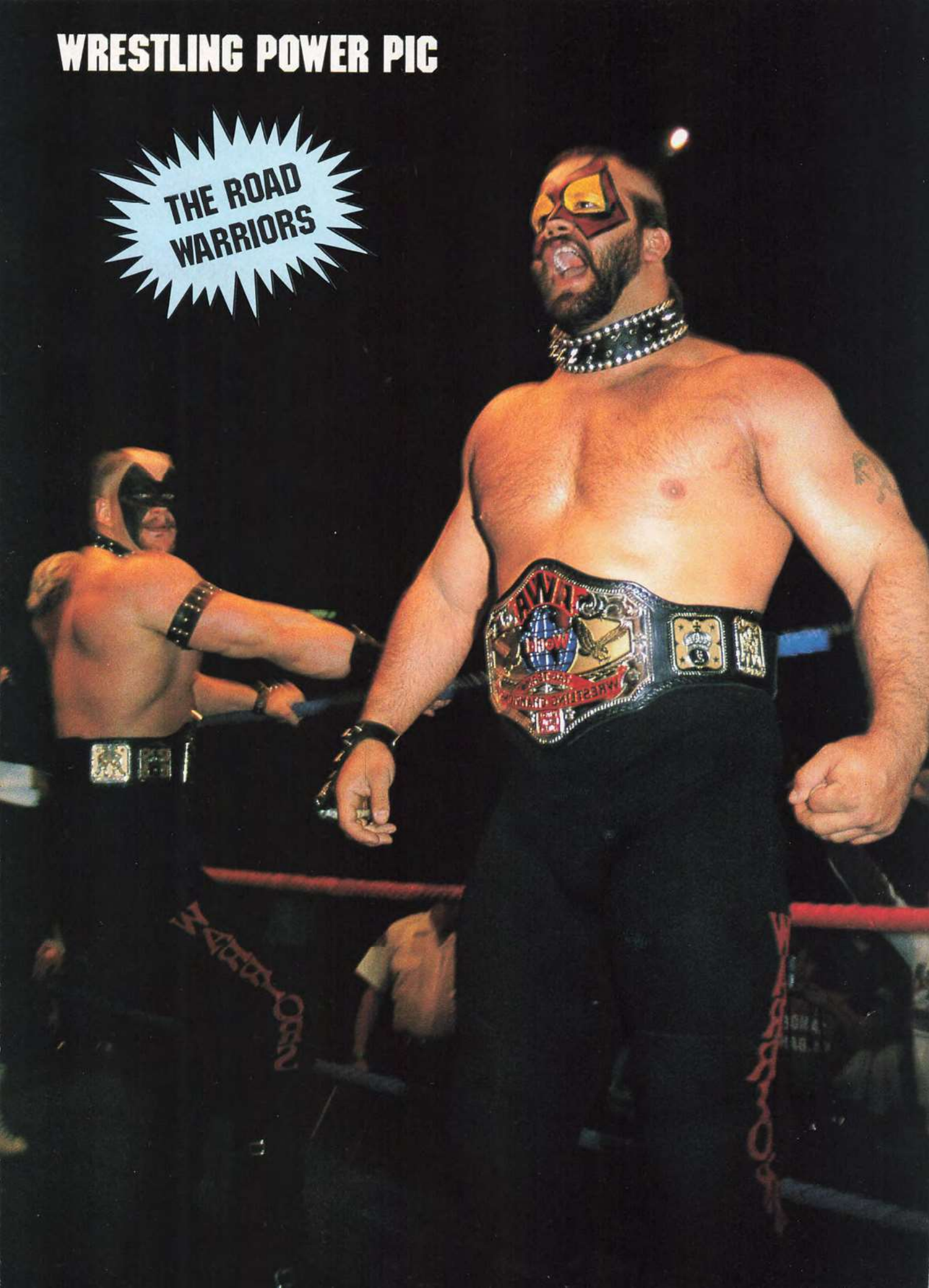

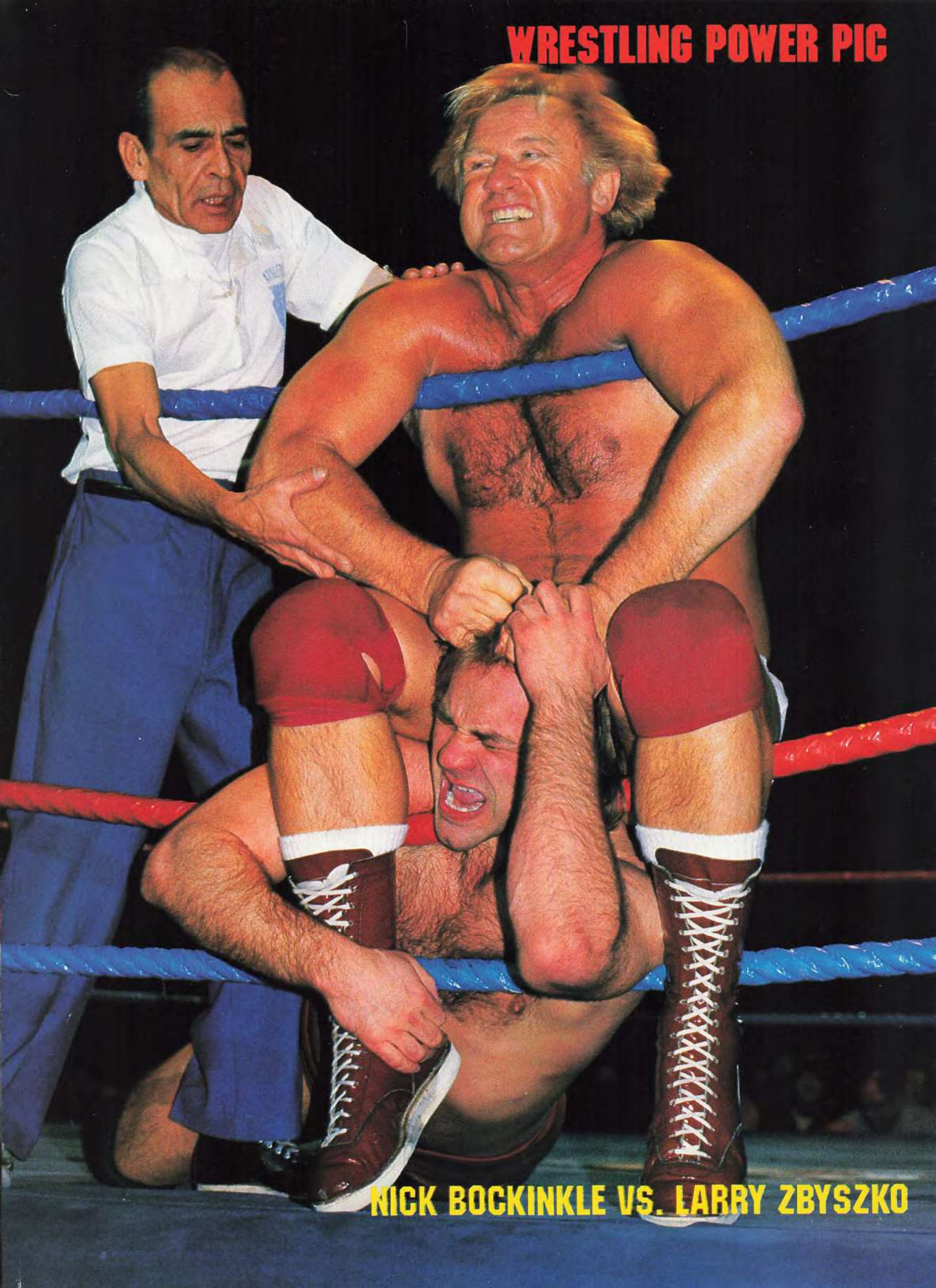
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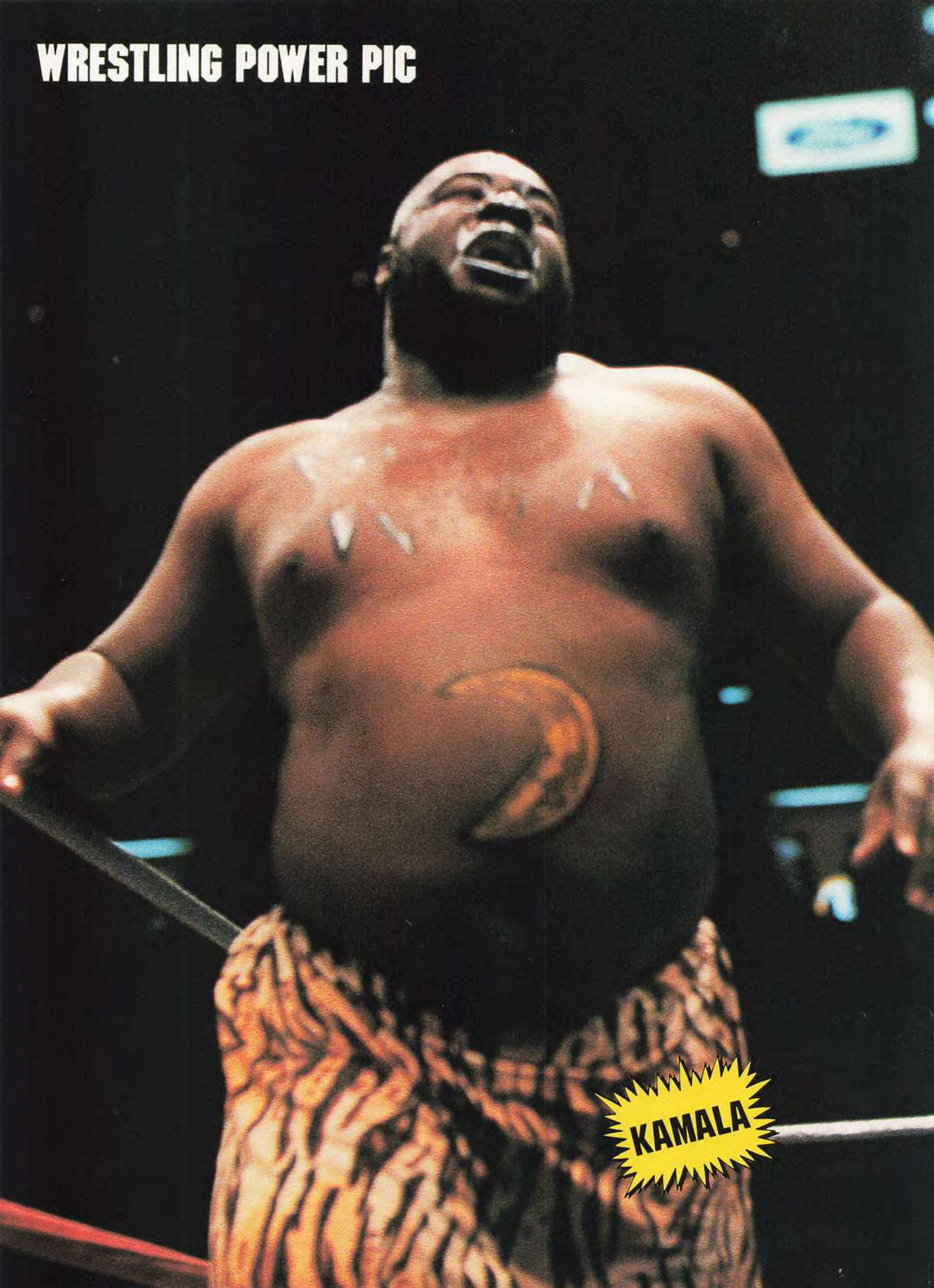

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5. Terry Funk
6. Paul Orndorff
7. Ricky Steamboat
8. King Kong Bundy
9. Adrian Adonis
10. Junkyard Dog

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WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION–STAN HANSEN

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3. Greg Gagne
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4. Kerry Von Erich
5. John Taum
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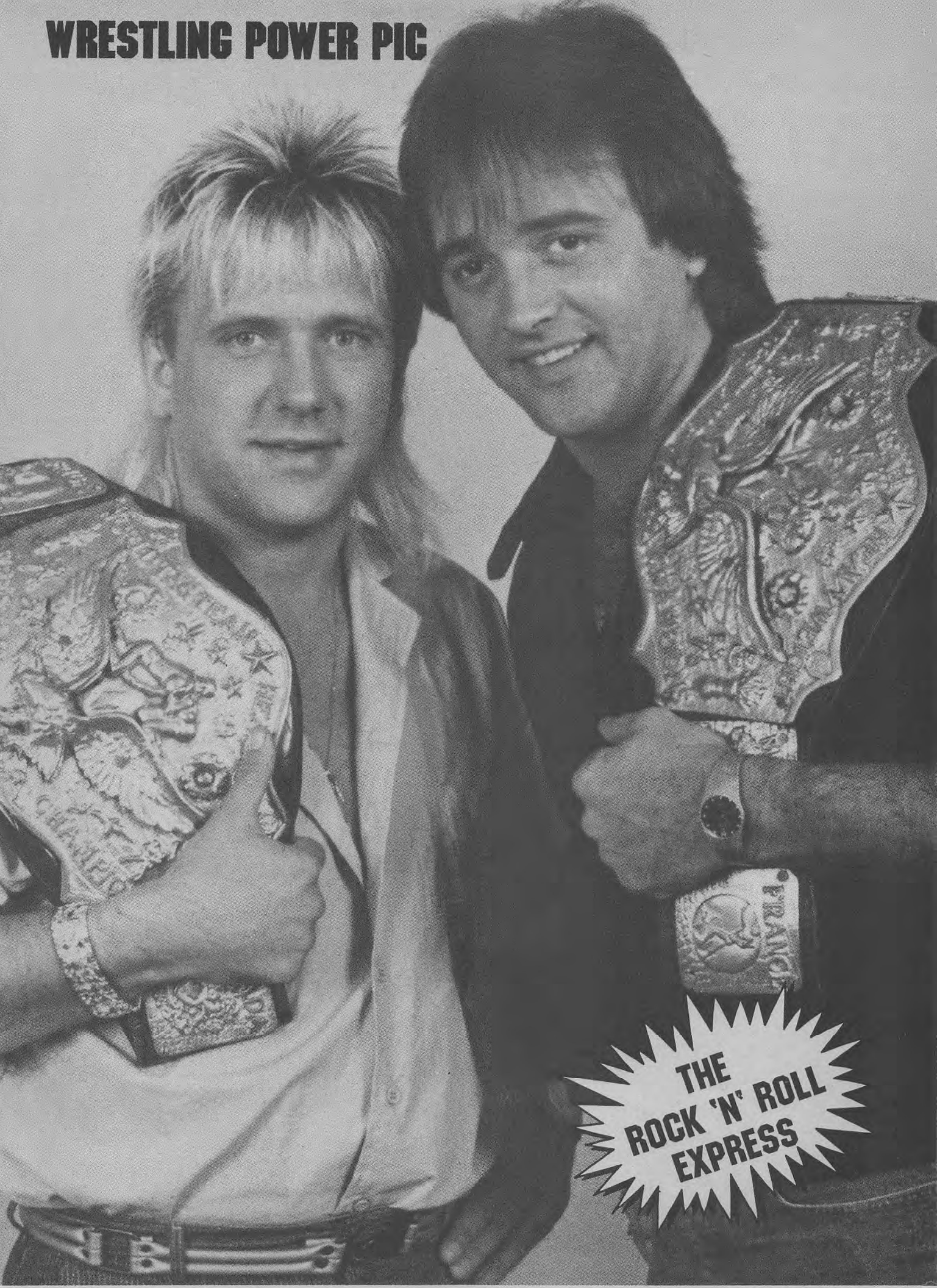
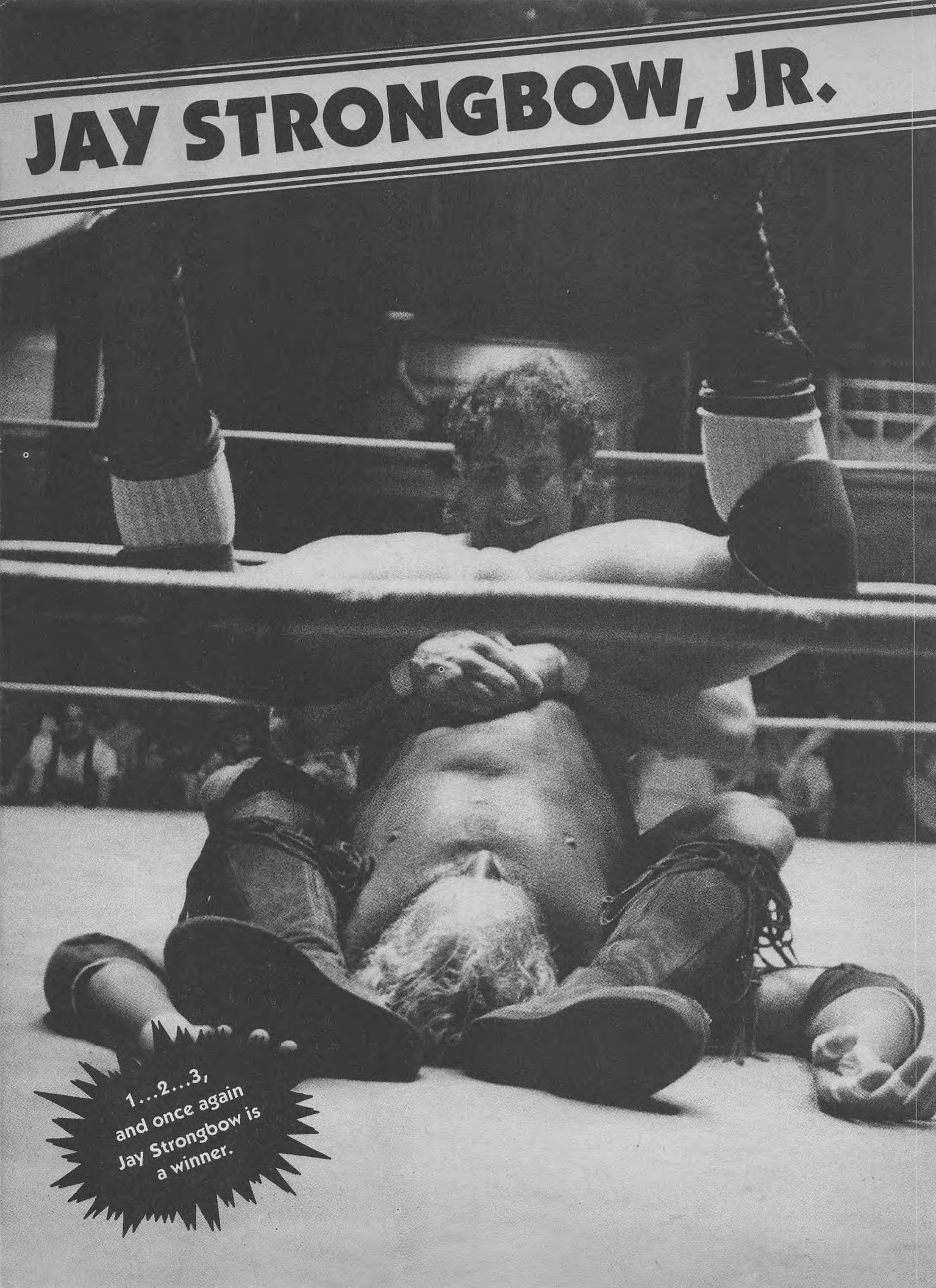


JAY STRONGBOW, JR.



War Dance Fever

Chief Jay Strongbow, Jr. is five feet, eleven inches tall and the spitting image of his legendary father Chief Jay Strongbow. Like his father his repertoire of moves and wrestling techniques is basically the same. Except Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. seems to have polished the technique to a higher degree than his father. Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. has mastered such holds as the sleeper hold, knee lift, tomahawk chop, the double tomahawk chop, and he even uses a devastating piledriver.

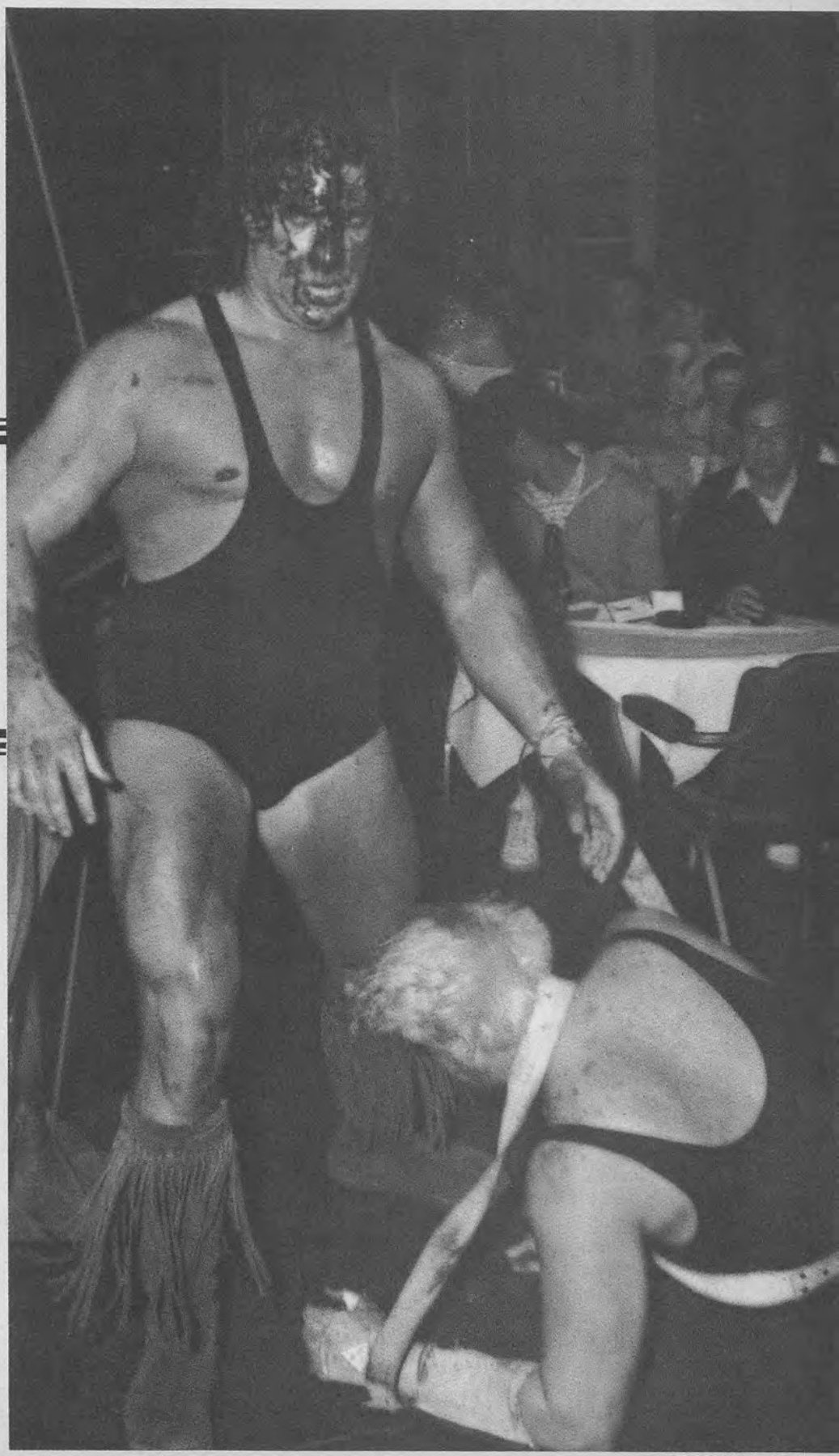
Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. has been wrestling for about ten years now, all across the United States. In his career he has held many titles, such as the America's Championship, America's Tag Team Championship, West Coast Championship, Midwest Television Championship, Oklahoma State Championship, California Heavyweight Championship, and he now currently holds the American International Championship.

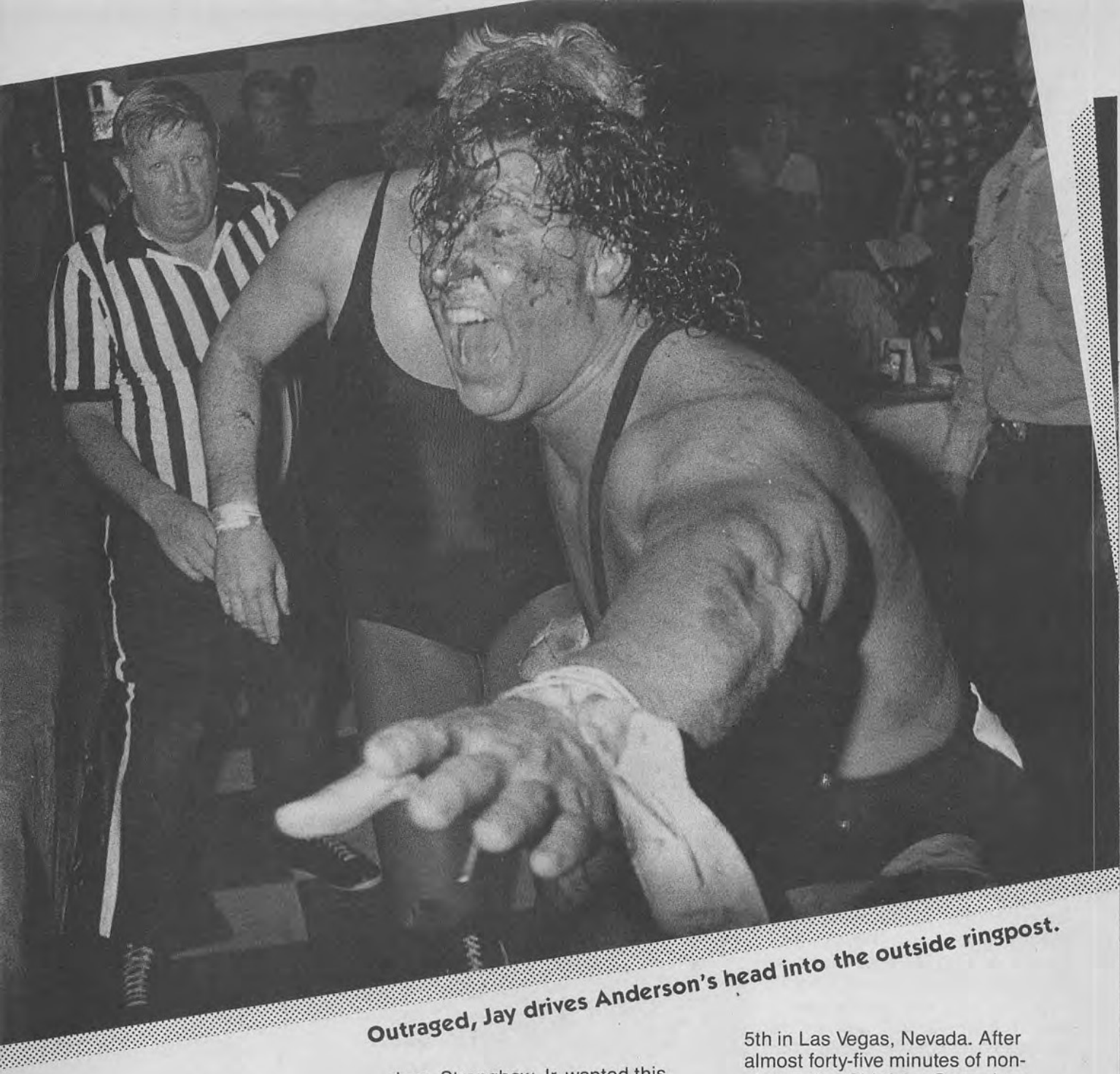
"Strongbow was tasting the fruits of victory when out of nowhere came "Wildman" Armstrong to attack him with a chain and beat him to a bloody pulp."

Since arriving in the California Wrestling area in late 1984, Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. has faced many opponents. Some of these opponents are, Rocky Lee Esters, Apache Pistol Pete, Anderson Brothers, Friar #1, The Great Goliath, Professor Toru Tanaka, Ripper "Bronx Barbarian" Savage, and the California Terminator Steve Strong. His most persistent challenge of 1985 has been from "Wildman" Jack Armstrong. Strongbow Jr.'s matches with Armstrong have been some of the bloodiest encounters ever seen in California.

The first encounter between

Strongbow vs. Anderson





Outraged, Jay drives Anderson's head into the outside ringpost.

Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. and Jack Armstrong took place in April of 1985. This match pitted Armstrong's American International Title vs. Strongbow's California Title. But in this first encounter between the two champions War Dance Fever prevailed as the result of a countout. Somehow Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. knew that this would not be their last encounter.

Several months later and after Chief Jay Strongbow polished off a few more contenders, he faced Jack Armstrong on June 29th at the world famous Olympic Auditorium. Strongbow Jr. wanted this match so bad that he even piledrove and suplexed Armstrong on the concrete floor. This match ended up, unfortunately a double countout. This match set up one of the most violent matches of the century, which took place on July 5th in Las Vegas, Nevada. After almost forty-five minutes of nonstop action Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. pinned Jack Armstrong for the coveted American International Championship. It was finally settled that Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. was the top wrestler on the West Coast.

"This match set up one of the most violent matches of the century."

Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. was sidetracked into another feud with Steve Strong and John Tolos. This happened after an incident with Professor Toru Tanaka which saw Strongbow Jr. being savagely attacked by John Tolos. Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. then formed a tag team to combat the combination of Steve Strong and Professor Toru Tanaka.

In a test of strength, Jack Armstrong is no match for Chief Jay Strongbow, Jr.

A few days later, in Las Vegas, Nevada, Strongbow was defending the American International Title against Ripper Savage. Savage used a chain to pin Strongbow and apparently won the title. But the athletic commissioner saw this and held up the title. A rematch was demanded by Chief Jay Strongbow Jr., and he regained the title by pinning Savage in less than five minutes. Strongbow was tasting the fruits of victory when out of nowhere came "Wildman" Armstrong to attack him with a chain and beat him to a bloody pulp.

So the feud was revived by "Wildman" Jack Armstrong. A match took place on television only a few short weeks ago. This match was won by Armstrong as a result of a disqualification. Since then Strongbow has put out the challenge of an Indian Death Strap match to take place sometime in the near future. Chief Jay Strongbow Jr. has currently begun wrestling for Polynesian Championship Wrestling and he already holds a win over Don Stevens. No one really knows for sure when War Dance Fever will triumph over Armstrong again.

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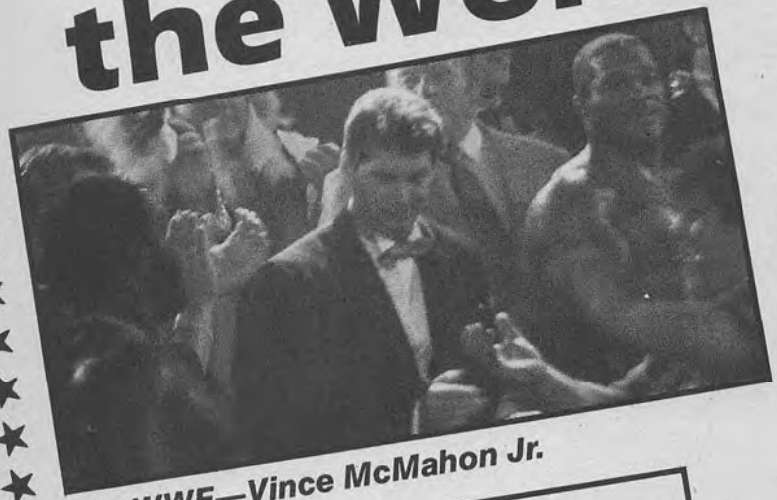
Steve Strong and Strongbow are about to tumble over the top ring rope.

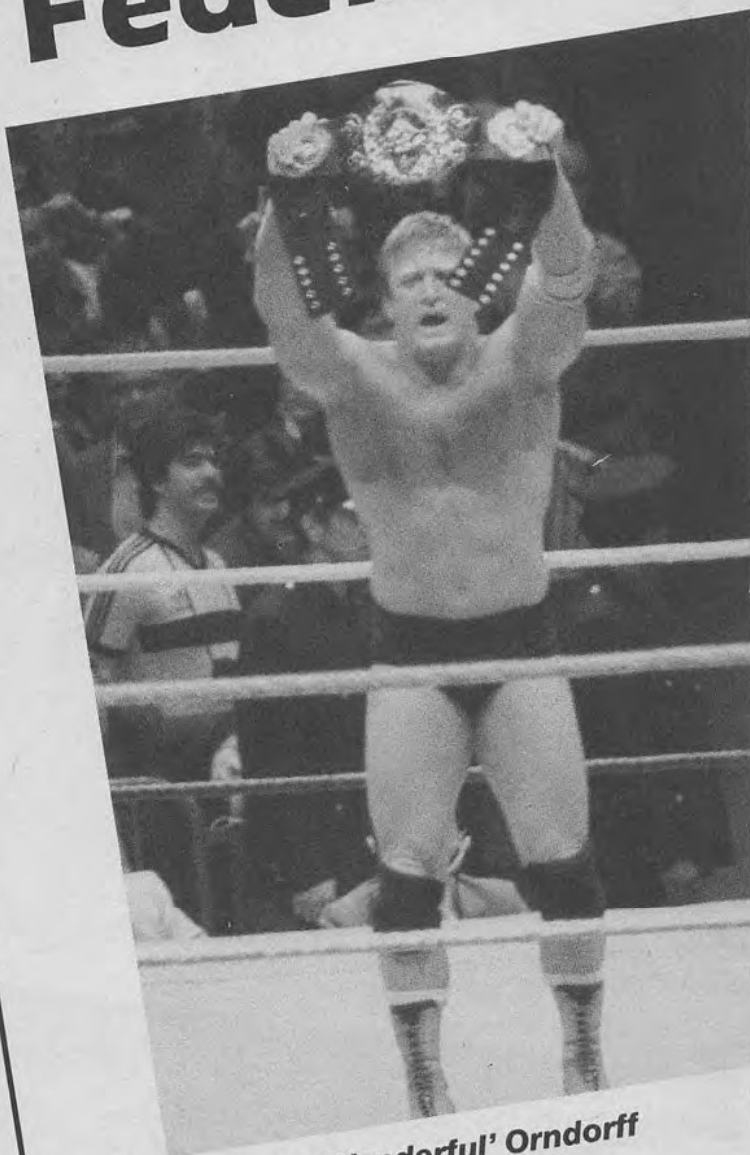
The Superstars of the World Wrestling Federation



Mr. WWF—Vince McMahon Jr.

Brutus Beefcake and Greg Valentine may still be the world tag team champs, but the Bulldogs are hot on their trails. The Bulldogs already beat Beefcake & Valentine on TV in a non-title match. Beefcake and Greg became champs on August 24, 1985 when they beat then champs Barry Windham and Mike Rotundo. The quality of wrestling in the WWF would certainly improve with champs like the Bulldogs. Speaking of great wrestlers, Tito Santana was robbed of his Intercontinental title in Boston.

Only the officials at ringside failed to see Randy Savage use a foreign object on Tito in their Feb. 8th match. Tito had Randy all set for the kill, in a suplex, when Randy hit him with some small object. Despite the protests of thousands, the verdict will stay the same. Jack Tunney, the President of the WWF, has ordered that no wrestler can wear a cast into the ring. This came after Paul 'Mr. Wonderful' Orndorff started wearing one to



Paul 'Mr. Wonderful' Orndorff

"Don has been a student of karate and kung fu since teaming-up with Mr. Fuji."

Randy Macho Man Savage—the Inter-Continental champ

protest the one used by Bobby 'Ace' Orton. It's a well-known fact—Orton's arm was a 100% healed. Bobby was only using the cast to clobber his opponents. Mr. T taught 'Battling Bob' a fistic lesson or two before Piper and Orton double-teamed him.

In their Wrestlemania 2 match, Piper did no better than Orton. When it comes to boxing Mr. T, Orton and Piper are great wrestlers. What did you think of the WWF's idea to telecast Wrestlemania from three different locations? Which city had the best undercard? Your choice is Chicago—the Battle Royal,

New York—Piper vs. Mr. T, or Los Angeles—Hogan vs. Bundy. Many feel Wrestlemania 2 was not up to the standards set by Wrestlemania 1.

Dory Funk Jr. is now in the WWF. He came in to help his brother, Terry. The younger Funk was taking a beating from the Junkyard Dog. Dory hit Junkyard over the head with his boot. Much should be expected from this rough 'n' tough pair. Would it surprise anyone if the Funks beat the Bulldogs to the tag team championships? William

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"Hulk Hogan made a remarkable recovery from the rib-breaking attack of King Kong Bundy."

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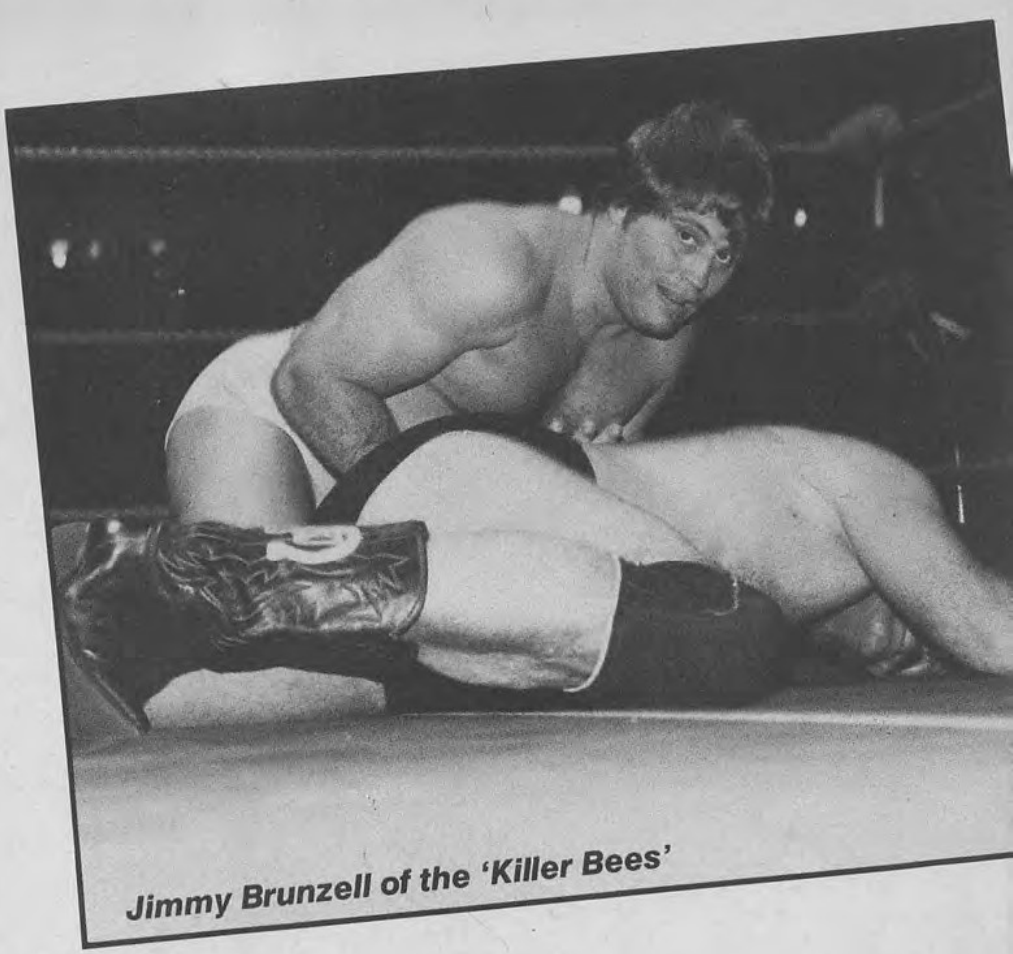
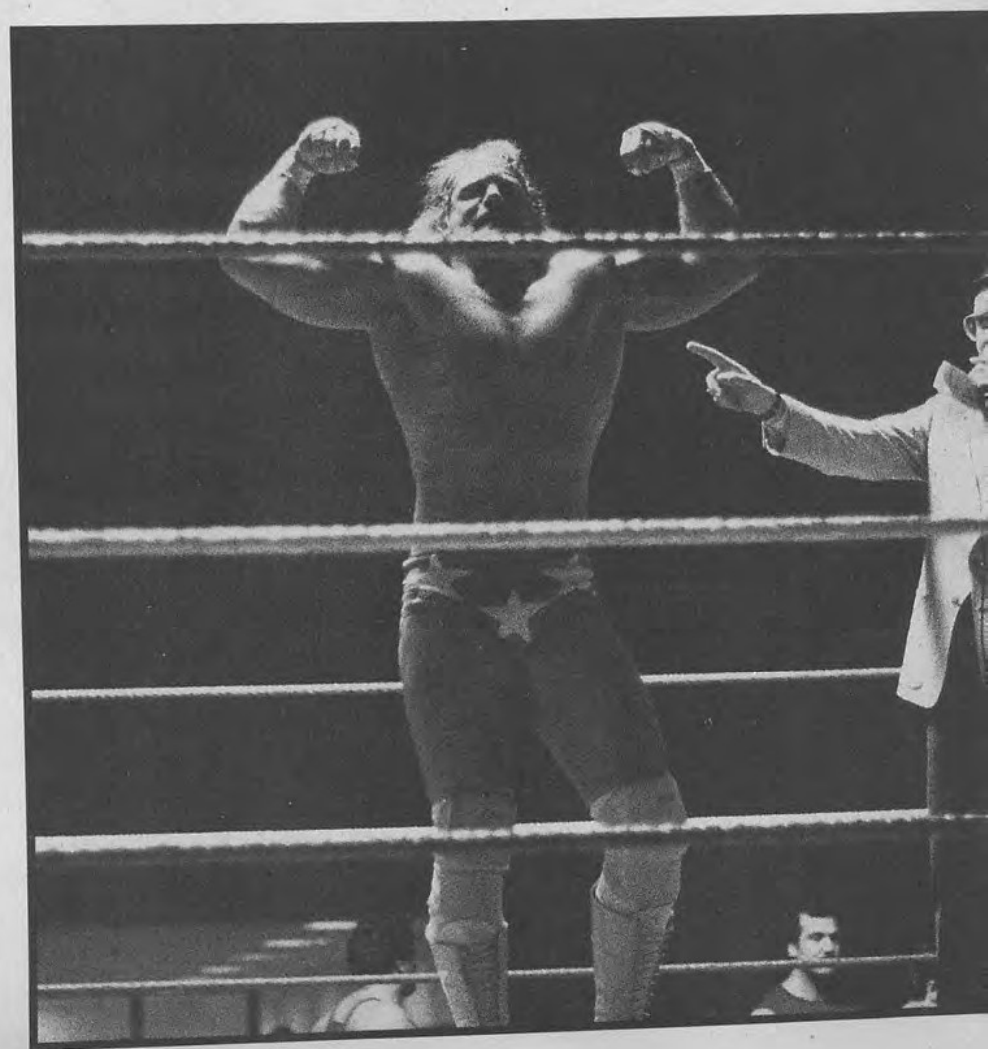
Perry, Jim Covert, Ed 'Too Tall' Jones, and Russ Francis are great football players but they don't measure up as wrestlers. It's too bad the WWF prefers to use outsiders.

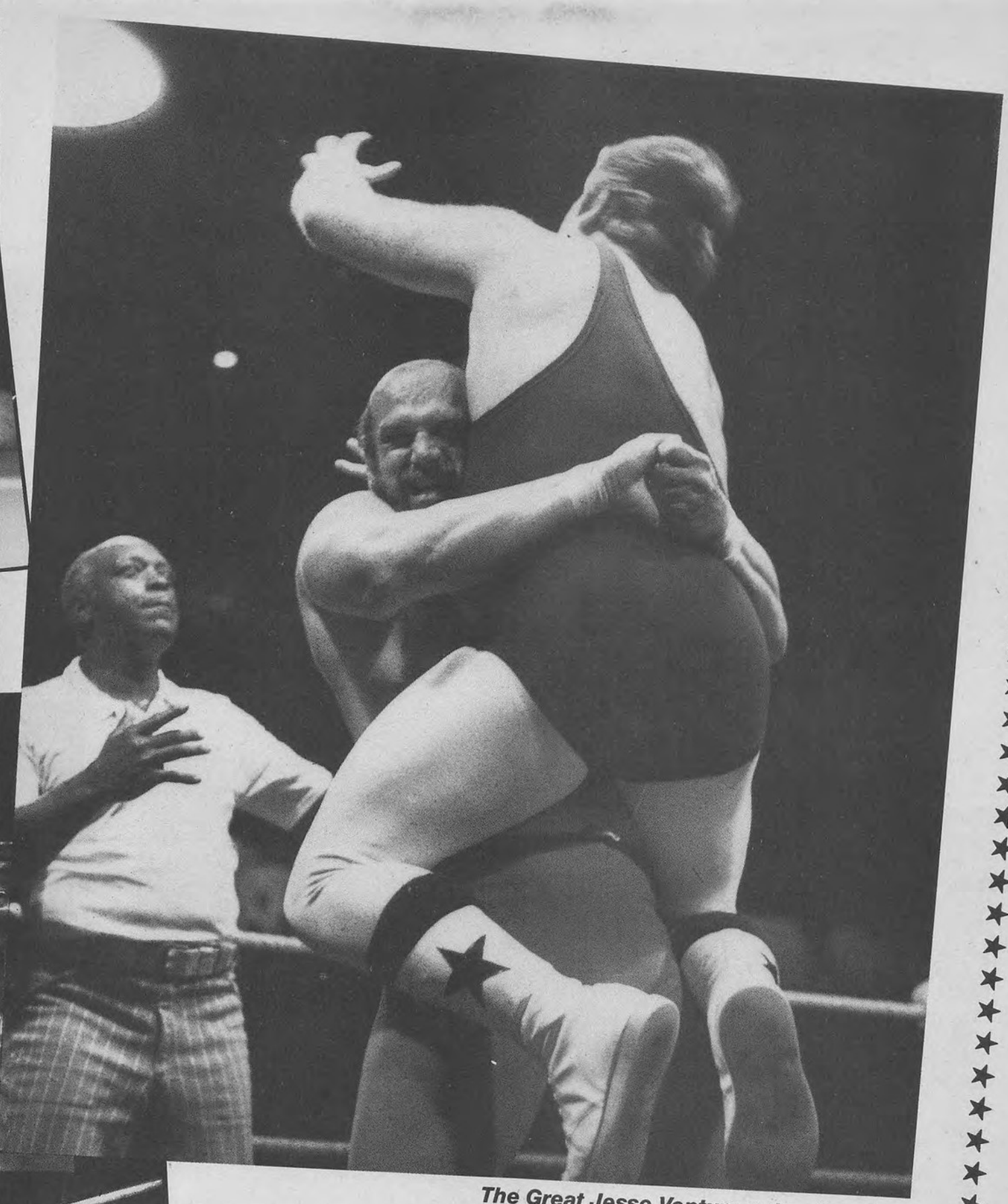
Hulk Hogan made a remarkable recovery from the rib-breaking attack of King Kong Bundy. Less than a week later, Hogan was up and out of the hospital. Hogan was attacked by Bundy while he was wrestling Don Muraco in Phoenix, AR. The champ should have sensed the danger, because for some unknown reason Bobby 'The Brain' Heenan was in Don Muraco's corner instead of Mr. Fuji. Heenan was just using the occasion to get Bundy a match for the title. Don Muraco, who helped Bundy and Heenan by agreeing to this, should feel as if he's been used.

Muraco and Steamboat are still wrestling in those 'martial arts' matches. Don has been a student of karate and kung fu

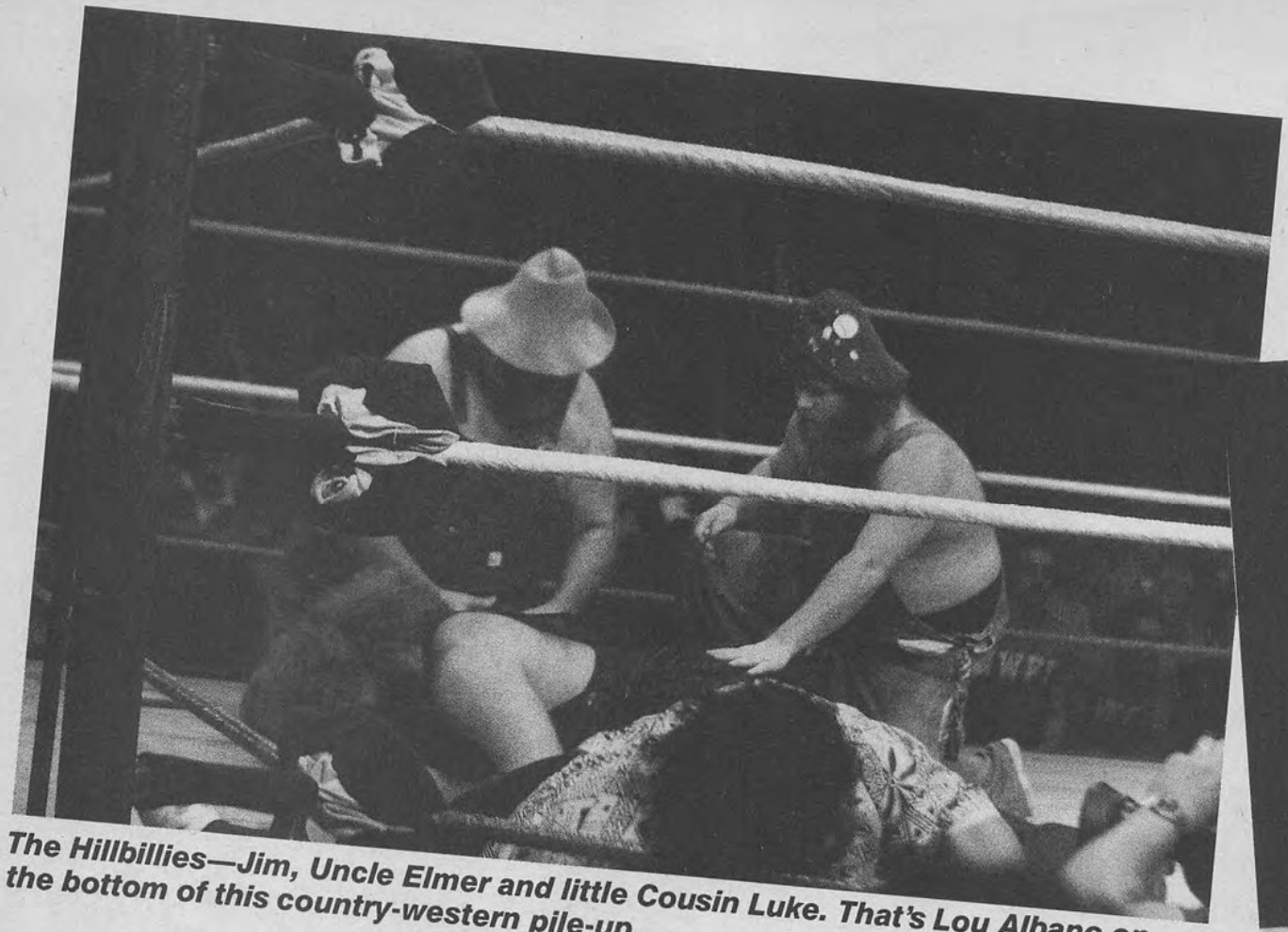


Jimmy Brunzell of the 'Killer Bees'



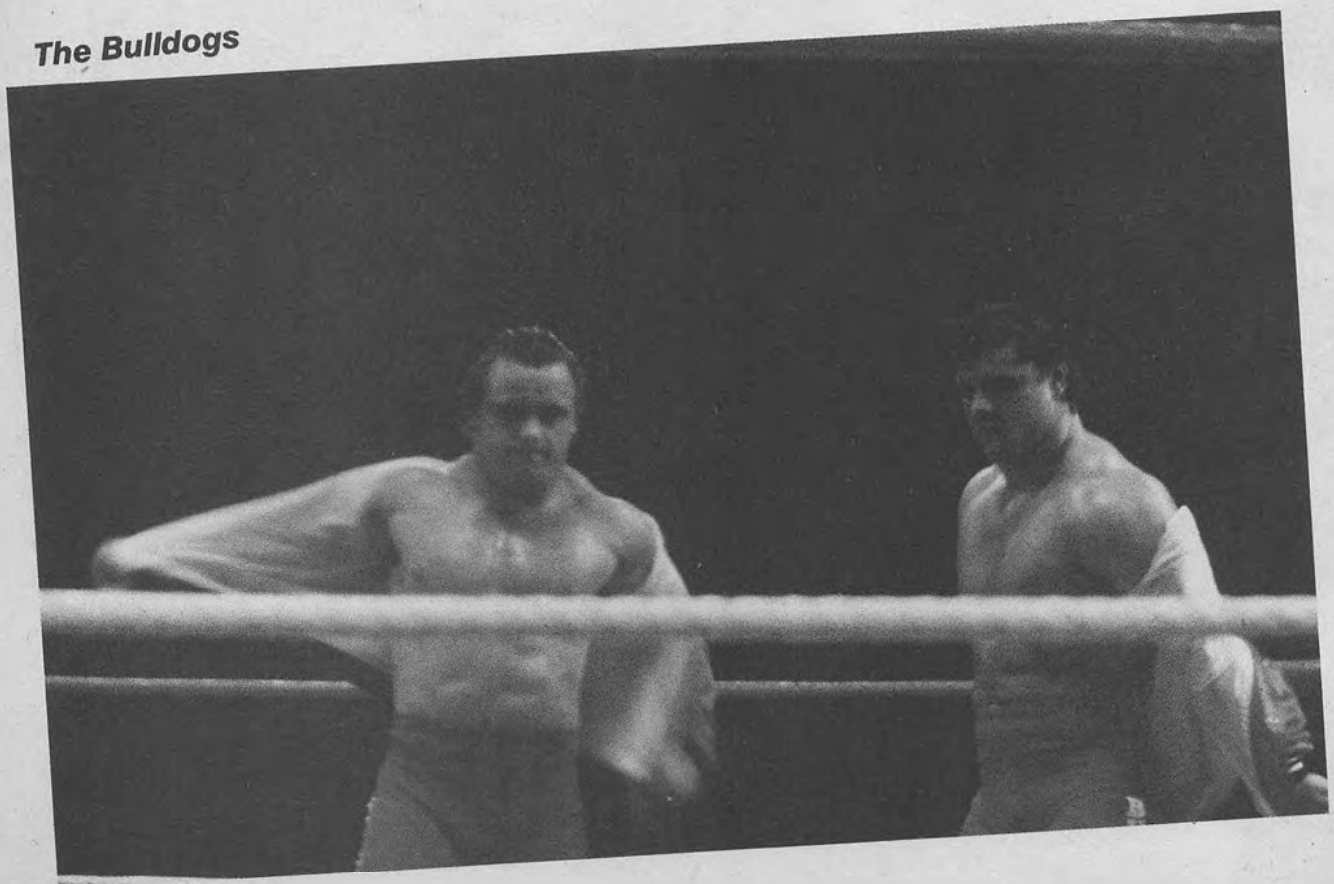


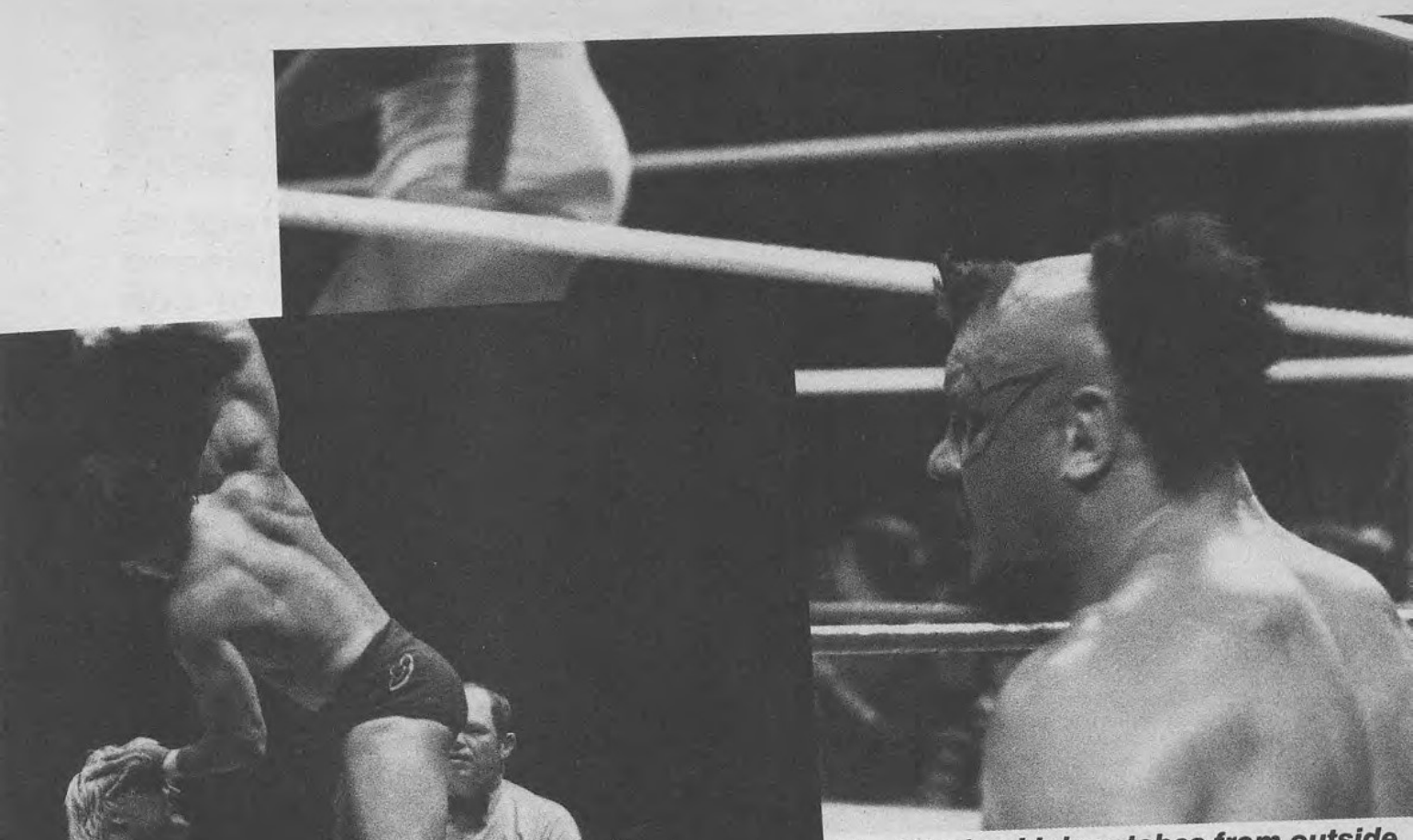
The Great Jesse Ventura puts a bearhug on his primary opponent.



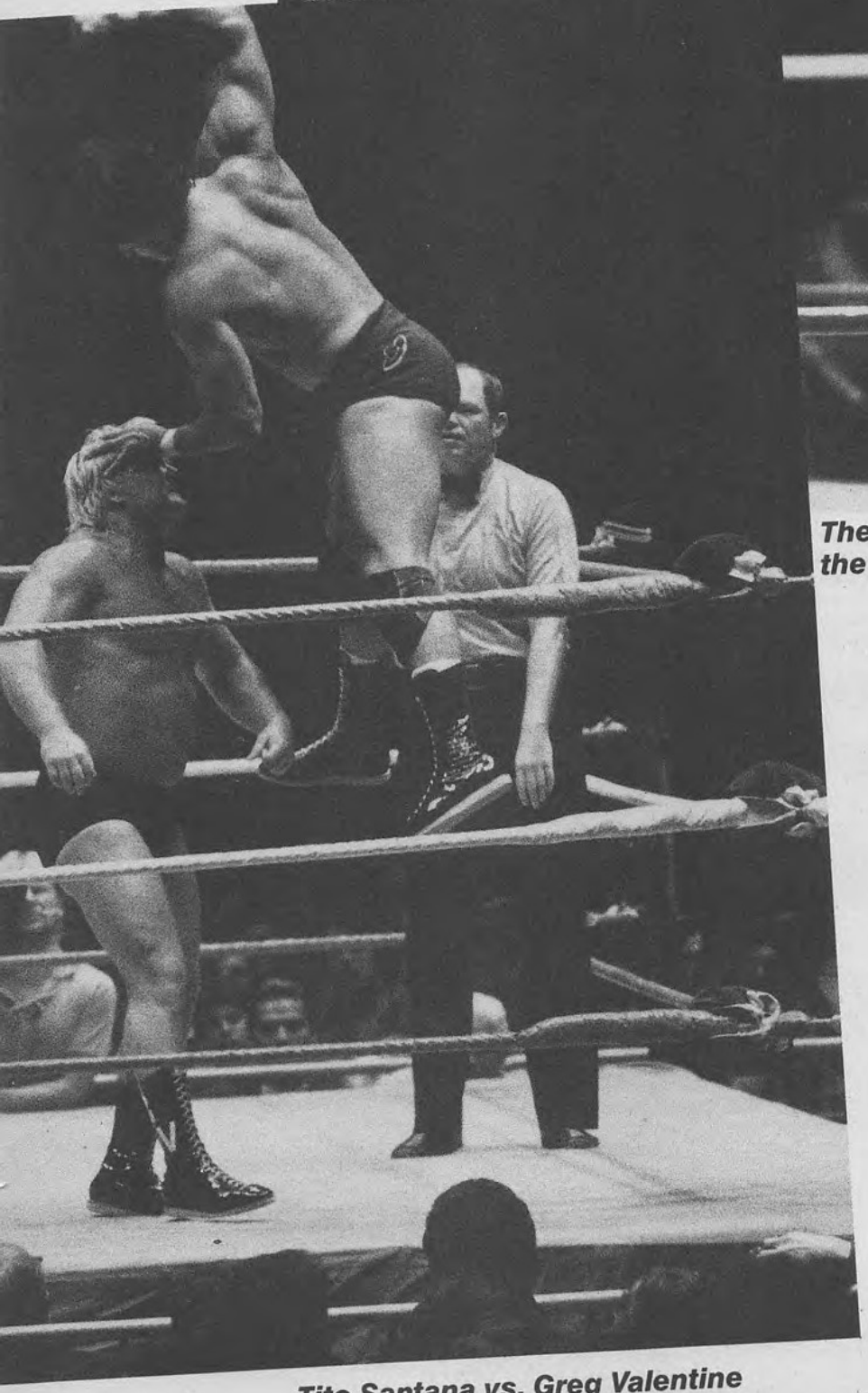
The Hillbillies—Jim, Uncle Elmer and little Cousin Luke. That's Lou Albano on the bottom of this country-western pile-up.

The Bulldogs





The Missing Link watches from outside the ring.



Tito Santana vs. Greg Valentine

since teaming up with Mr. Fuji. Both men wear karate jackets and belts when they climb into the ring. Naturally, Muraco is always ready to use his belt to choke Steamboat and the garment is used to cover Steamboat's mouth and nose. Still, Ricky has won more than one of

"Dory hit Junkyard over the head with his boot."

these battles. Right does sometimes make might. Ricky is about the best wrestler in the sport today. If anyone should be Inter-Continental champ, it's him.

Jesse Ventura has been offered a couple of movie roles. 'The Body' may star in a Rocky- or Rambo-type movie for this winter. He would be missed by television viewers while starting his movie career.

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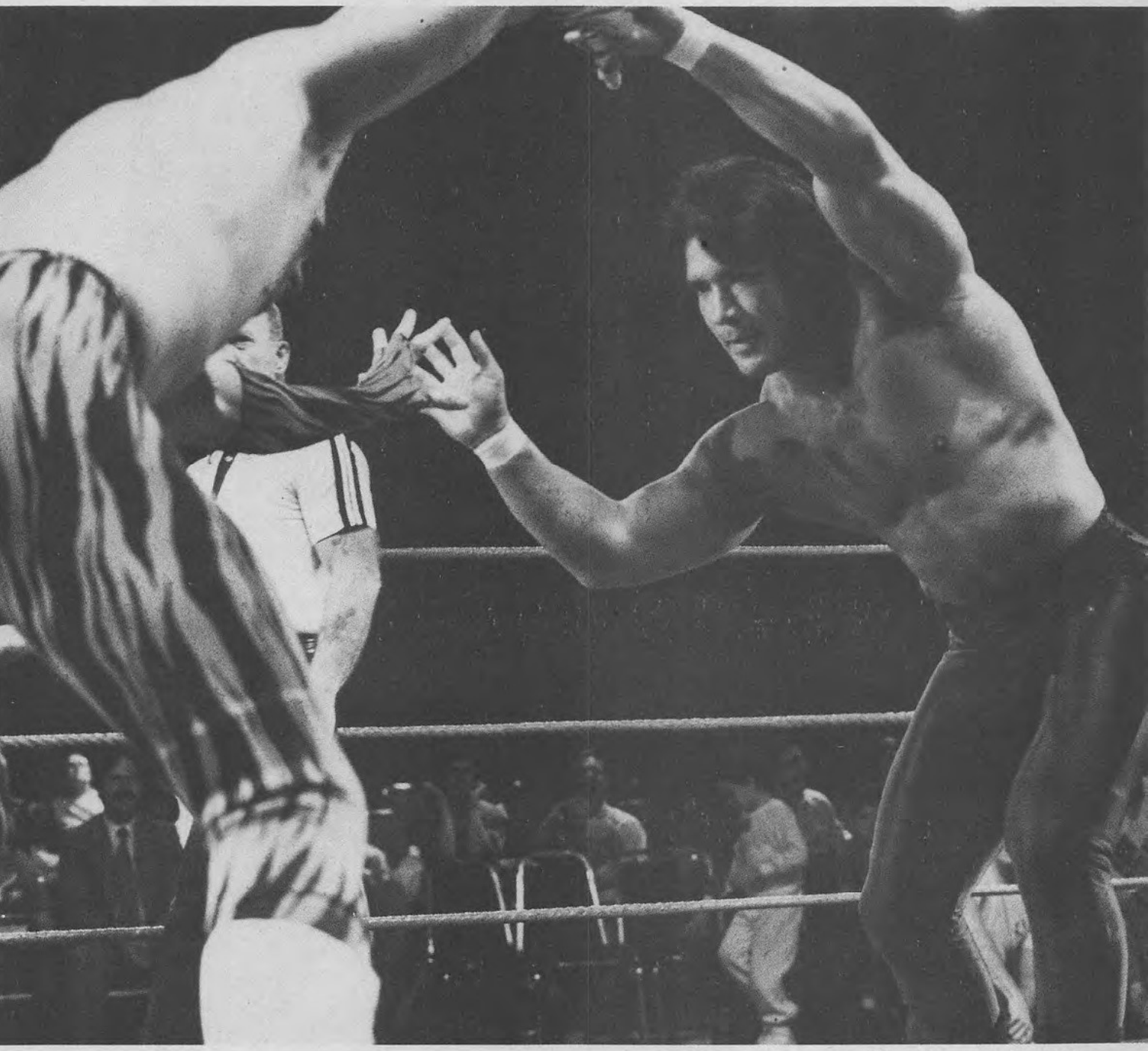
RICKY STEAMBOAT



The Dragon in action.

The Threat To Savage's Belt

Randy Savage, a vile, disgusting rulebreaker, holds the Inter Continental title. Nothing would please Ricky more than to upend the loudmouth. Aside from this, there is also the chance of holding the WWF tag team titles. The team of Steamboat and the Junkyard Dog would put fear in Brutus Beefcake and Greg Valentine. Whatever his goal, his fans will support him. Ricky Steamboat has been a role model for everyone who has ever dreamed of being a pro wrestler.

Before his clean-cut Karate-Kid image, Ricky Steamboat vs. Jimmy Snuka.

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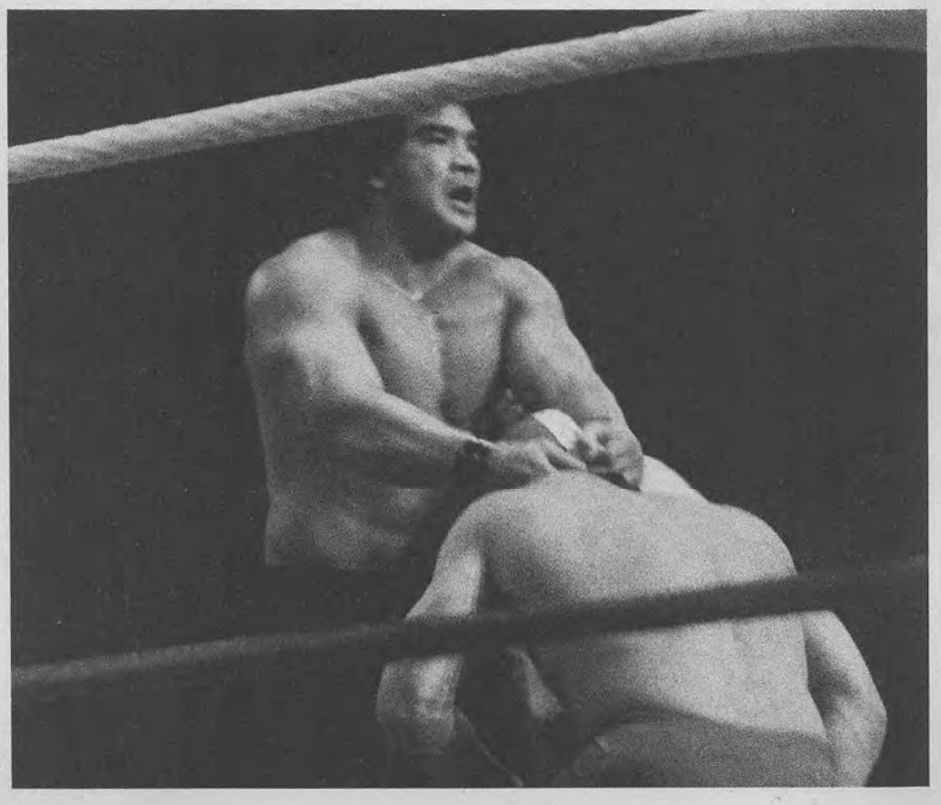

Okay, as long as Hulk Hogan holds the WWF world title, Ricky Steamboat wouldn't be allowed to go for it. Then Tito Santana had the Intercontinental belt, but now Randy 'Macho Man' Savage has it and Ricky wants it. Since coming to the WWF, Steamboat has been hungry for a title. For some men it's money, others want fame, and for Ricky all that matters is a title. For Steamboat, a championship belt is physical proof of your ability. Sure, the fans' cheers touch his heart, but you can't take them home with you. And, indeed, pinning a beefy 300-pounder to the mat is rewarding. But what can compare to the sensational feeling of holding a recognized world belt?

Steamboat's quest for the belt

started more than thirty years ago. Born in Hawaii, Ricky moved to the Mainland as a teenager. His father, Sammy Steamboat, was an outstanding wrestler in his own right. The senior Steamboat had a long and proud ring record in the Mid-Atlantic. In fact, Sammy was a mainstay of the Crockett army throughout the sixties and early seventies. When he retired, many older fans were delighted that his son, Ricky, would carry on his tradition of excellence. Whereas Sammy would occasionally bend the rules with eye gouges, Ricky was strictly scientific in his style.

1977 was a banner year for Ricky Steamboat. Considered merely a rookie, he won practically every regional belt in the Mid-Atlantic. Tag team, state, brass-knuckles and regional, all of them belonged to him at various periods. In 1983, he won the NWA tag team titles with Jay Youngblood. But, the world's heavyweight title eluded him. Held by Ric Flair, he and Steamboat were close friends (Ricky even trained Flair for his successful steel cage bid against Harley Race) and neither man was willing to wrestle the other. Stymied by these developments,

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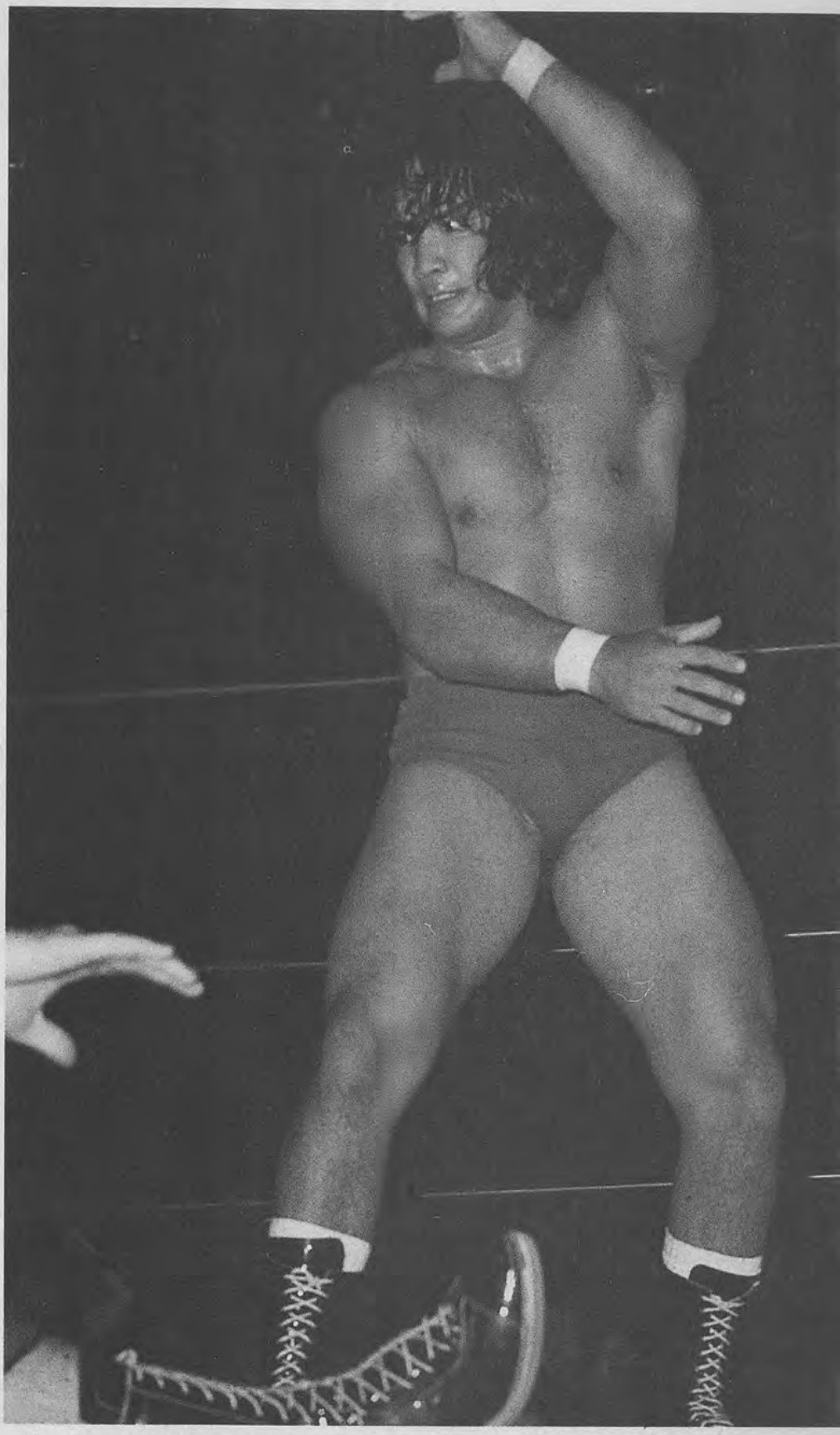
Ricky Steamboat retired from active competition. In 1983, rather than wrestle, Ricky ran his Mid-Atlantic Gym in Charlotte. Perhaps, Steamer was just killing time, waiting for Ric to loosen his tight-fisted hold on the world belt. Whatever his reasoning, Ricky surprised no one by *un*retiring a year later. The only difference was that he would now campaign in the WWF. The Iron Sheik was head man there and Ricky was confident he could unseat the Iranian champ. Hulk Ho-



Against NWA champ Ric Flair, Steamboat strikes a karate stance. More and more, Ricky has blended the martial arts into his wrestling.

Ricky Steamboat

High flying and right on the mark as per usual.

gan, however, beat him to it.

Rumors have circulated that Ricky Steamboat is afraid to be champ or that he is unable to make the full commitment to pursuing the world belt. These tales are undoubtedly bunk. One look at the glistening abdominal muscles or bulging Steamboat biceps and you know Ricky isn't afraid to work hard.

Promoter Vince McMahon might have the right idea. After all, it was McMahon who told Steamboat to use his martial arts skills. The promoter gave his permission for Ricky to go all out in the ring. If his opponent was going to kick and punch, then Ricky would fight fire with fire. A black belt in karate, Steamboat is not a man to fool with. For years, he refused to use these skills to take unfair advantage of his limited foes. If he was hired to wrestle, that's exactly what he would do. Steamboat didn't want someone's career-ending injury on his conscience.

However, in the big leagues a man must do what he has to. To get past Ricky's resistance to using his martial arts tactics, McMahon pitted the 'Dragon' against Don Muraco. There has never been any love lost between these two Hawaiian stars. Muraco has a small understanding of karate and kung fu and is always eager to use it. Their feud presented Steamboat with a chance to use all of his hidden arsenal. Ricky has since beaten Muraco, in spite of Mr. Fuji's constant interference. The road is clear for Ricky Steamboat to resume his journey towards a world belt.

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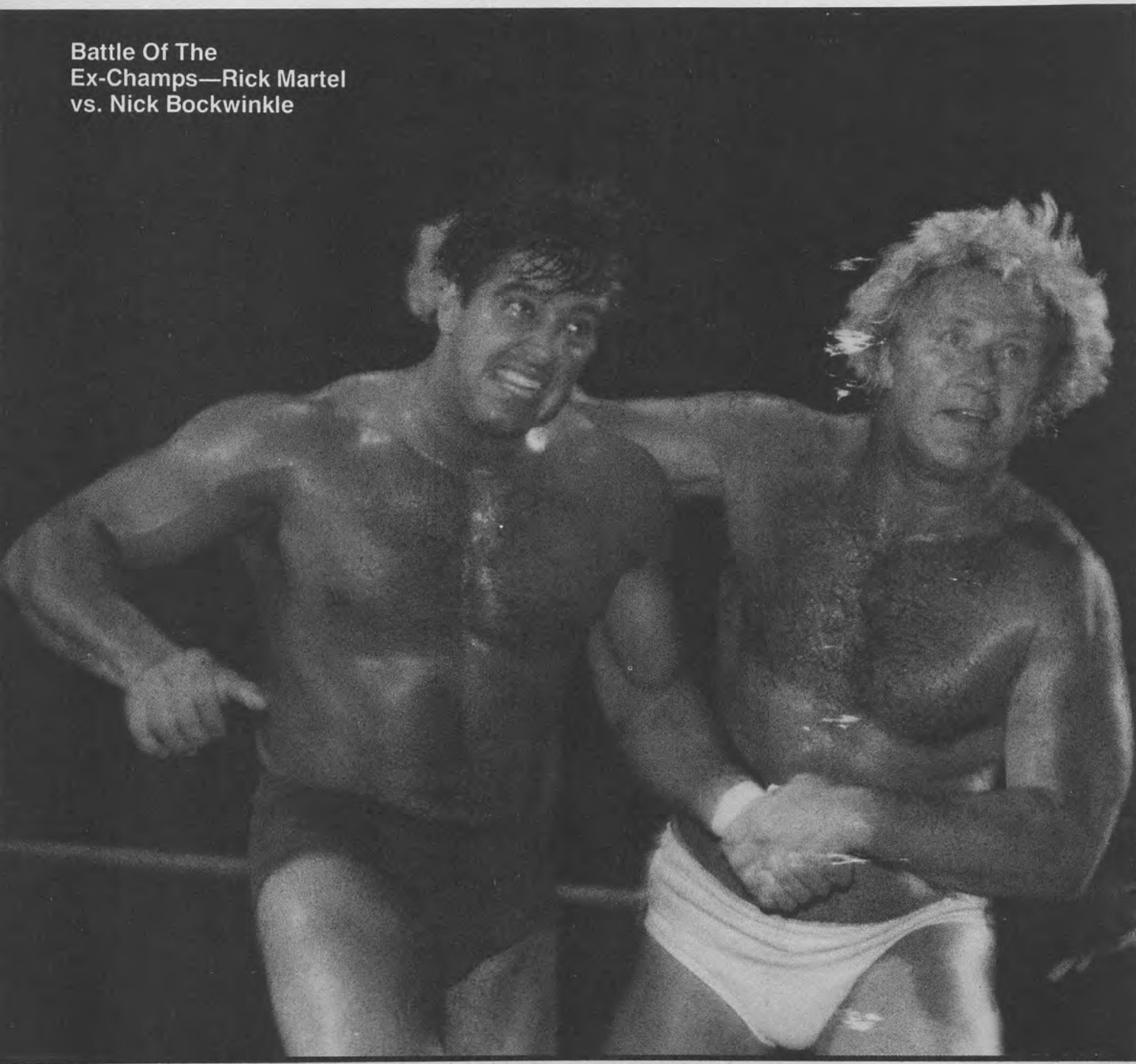


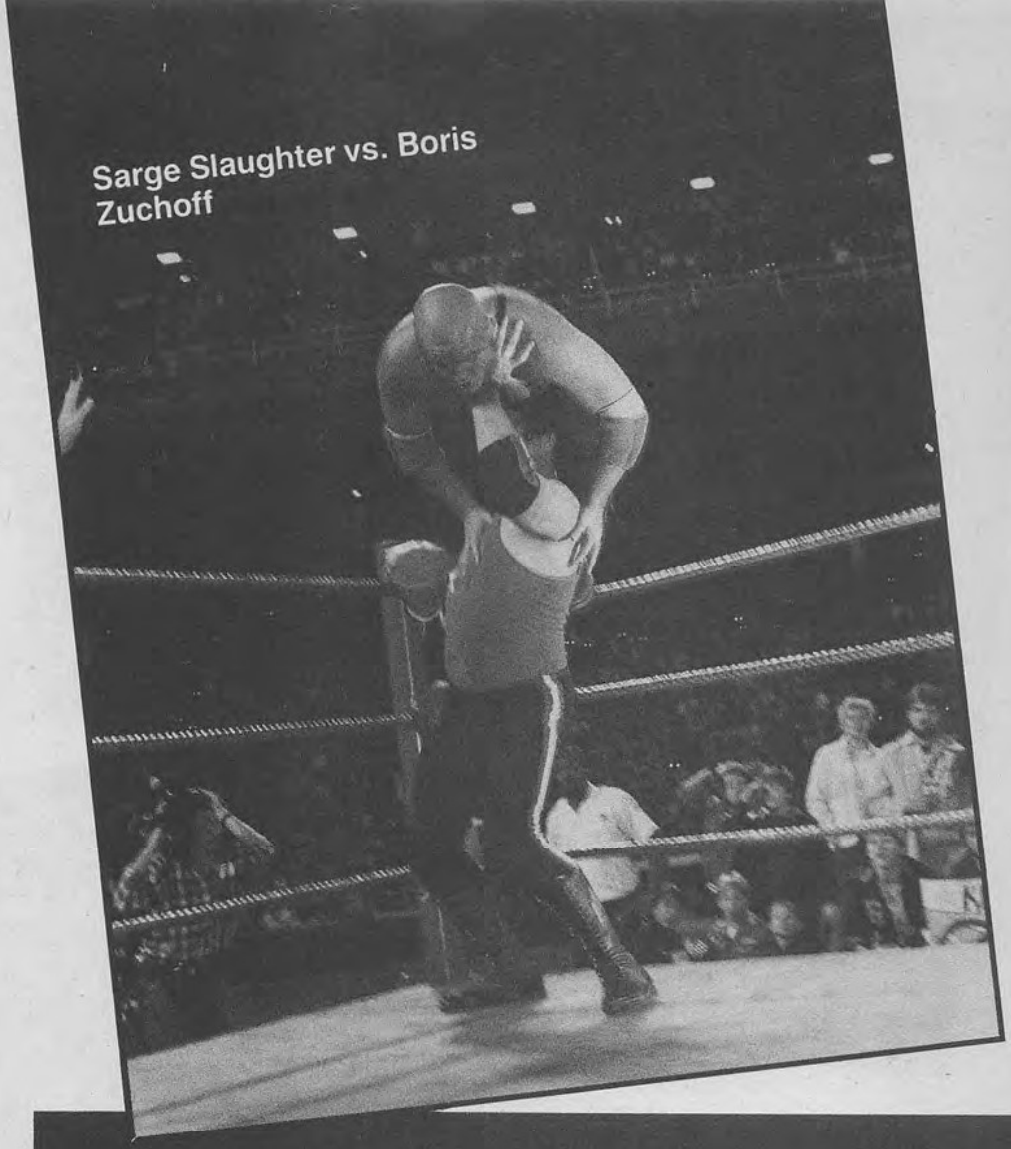
Battle Of The
Ex-Champs—Rick Martel
vs. Nick Bockwinkle

The AWA world heavyweight championship has belonged to Stan Hansen since Dec. 29, 1985. So far, he has beaten Sgt. Slaughter, Curt Henning and David Sammartino to retain his championship. In his match against Henning, Stan attacked Curt without mercy until Scott Hall came in to help out his partner. In case you didn't know, Hall and Doug Henning hold the AWA tag team titles. They won that honor on January 18, 1986 from Steve Regal and Jimmy Garvin.

"America's champ, Sgt. Slaughter is running out of challengers for his belt."

America's champ, Sgt. Slaughter is running out of challengers for his belt. Larry Zbyszko is no longer interested in fighting him. Seems like Larry has finally learned his lesson. Nowadays, Larry is in a brutal battle with his ex-friend Nick Bockwinkle. Zbyszko 'accidentally' hit Bockwinkle with his nunchaku sticks. The two have since brawled all over the country. In their matches, Larry always comes out on the short end. During the last few bouts, Zbyszko has run off even before the ring announcer has left the ring.

The AWA was founded in 1958 with its first champ being Verne Gagne. Promoters in the Midwest felt then-champ, Lou Thesz, was avoiding too many of the more serious contenders. They decided to break away and form their own group—the American Wrestling Alliance. Since Verne, there have been only a score of AWA world champs. Nick Bockwinkle won the belt from Gagne, he lost it to Jumbo Tsurata in Japan. Tsurata came to St. Paul and



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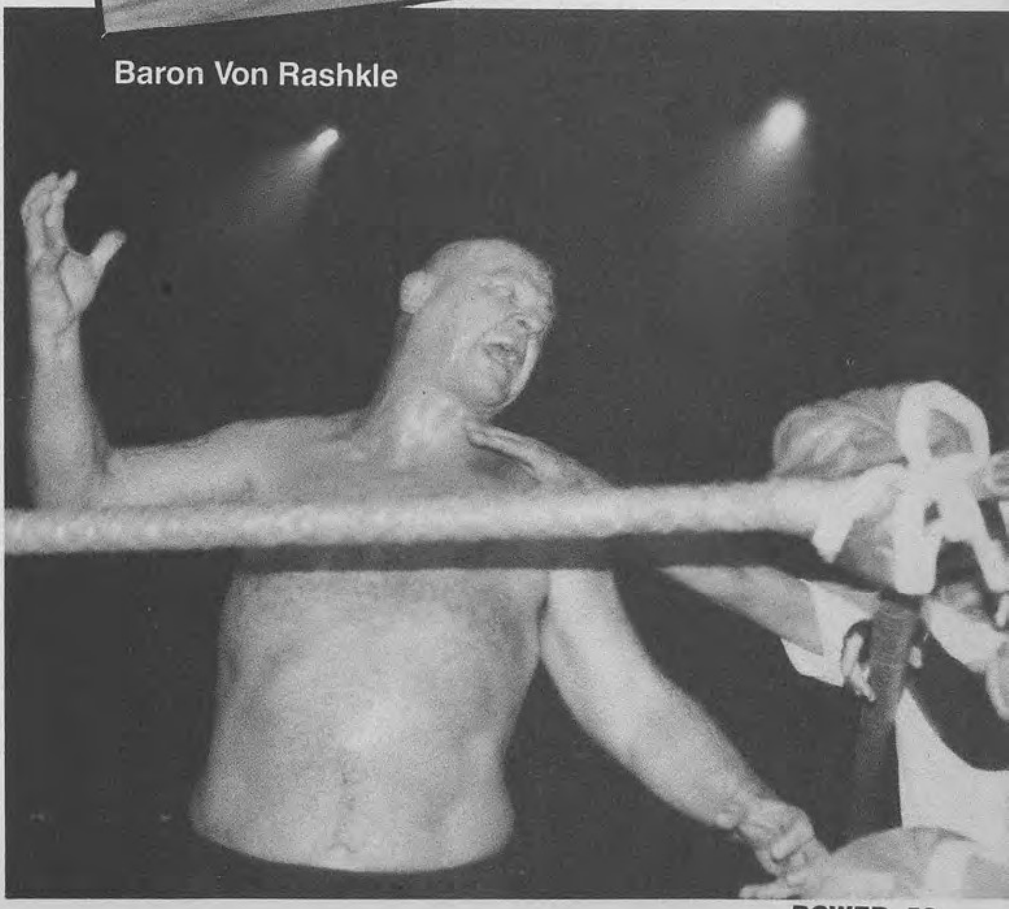
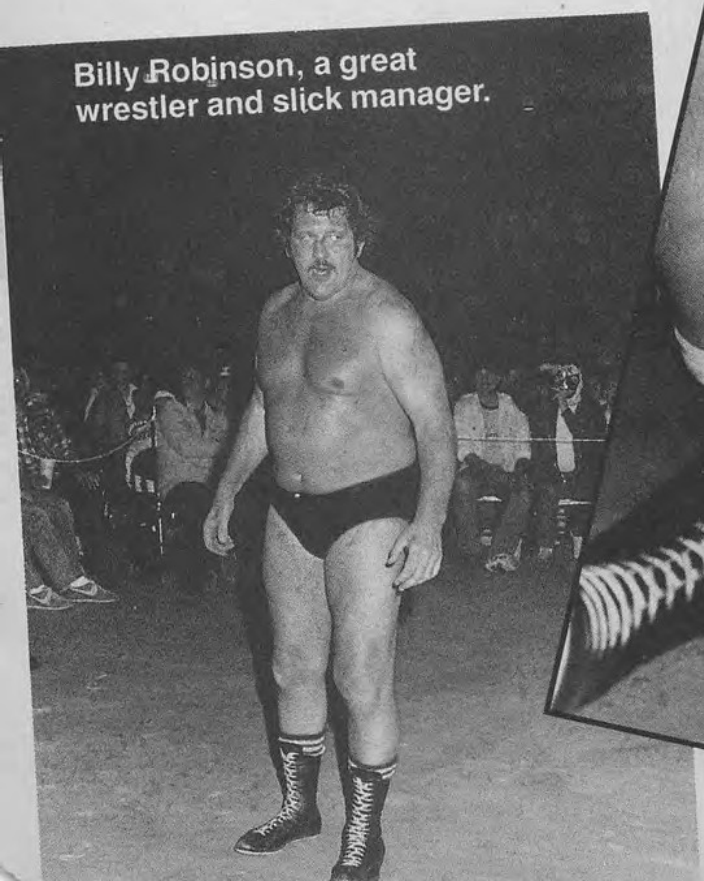


Baron Von Rashkle

King Tonga vs. Crusher Blackwell

Mr. AWA—Verne Gagne (R)

Nick Bockwinkle—the ex-champ is going at it, hot and heavy, with Larry Zbyszko.



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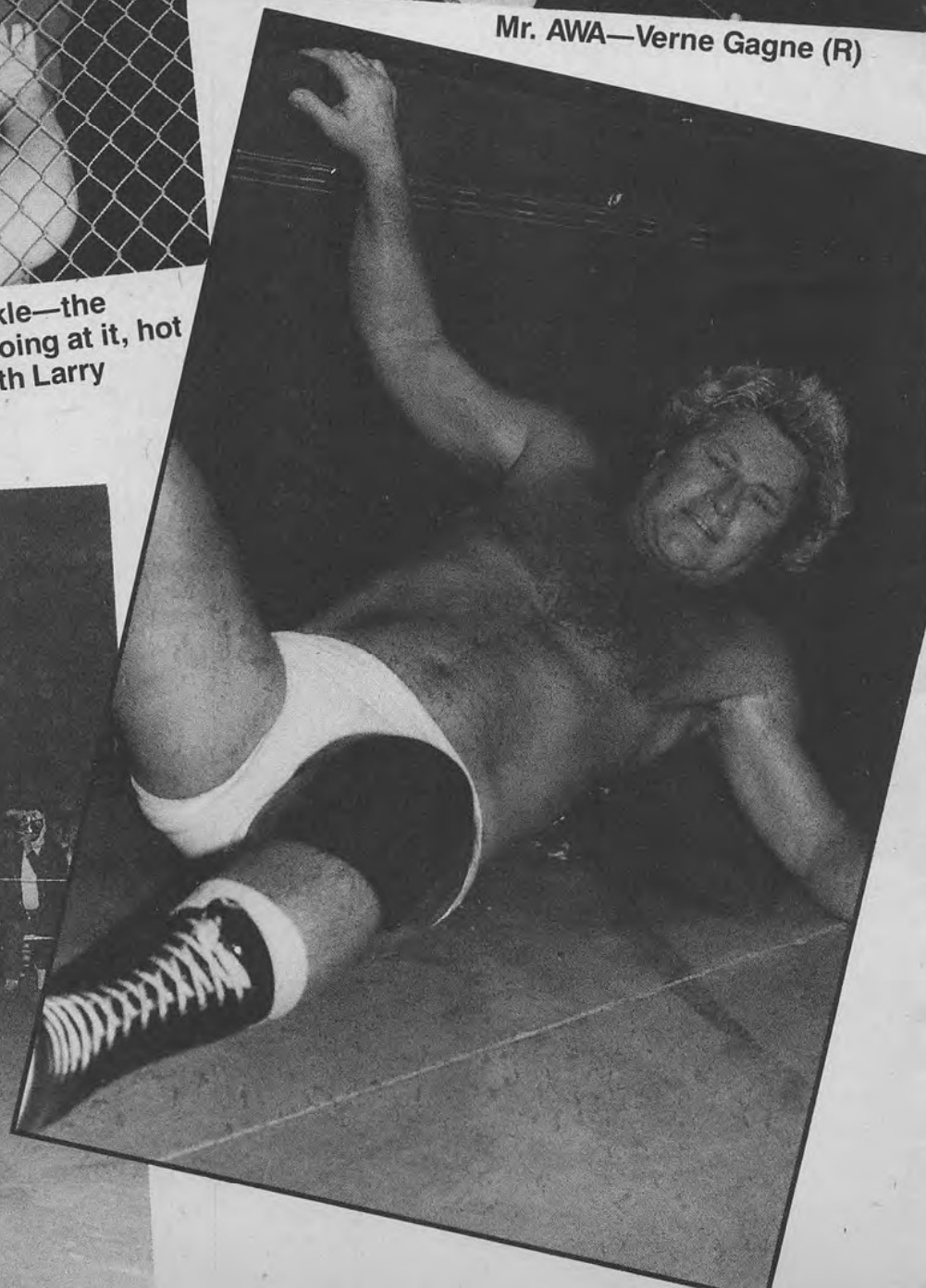

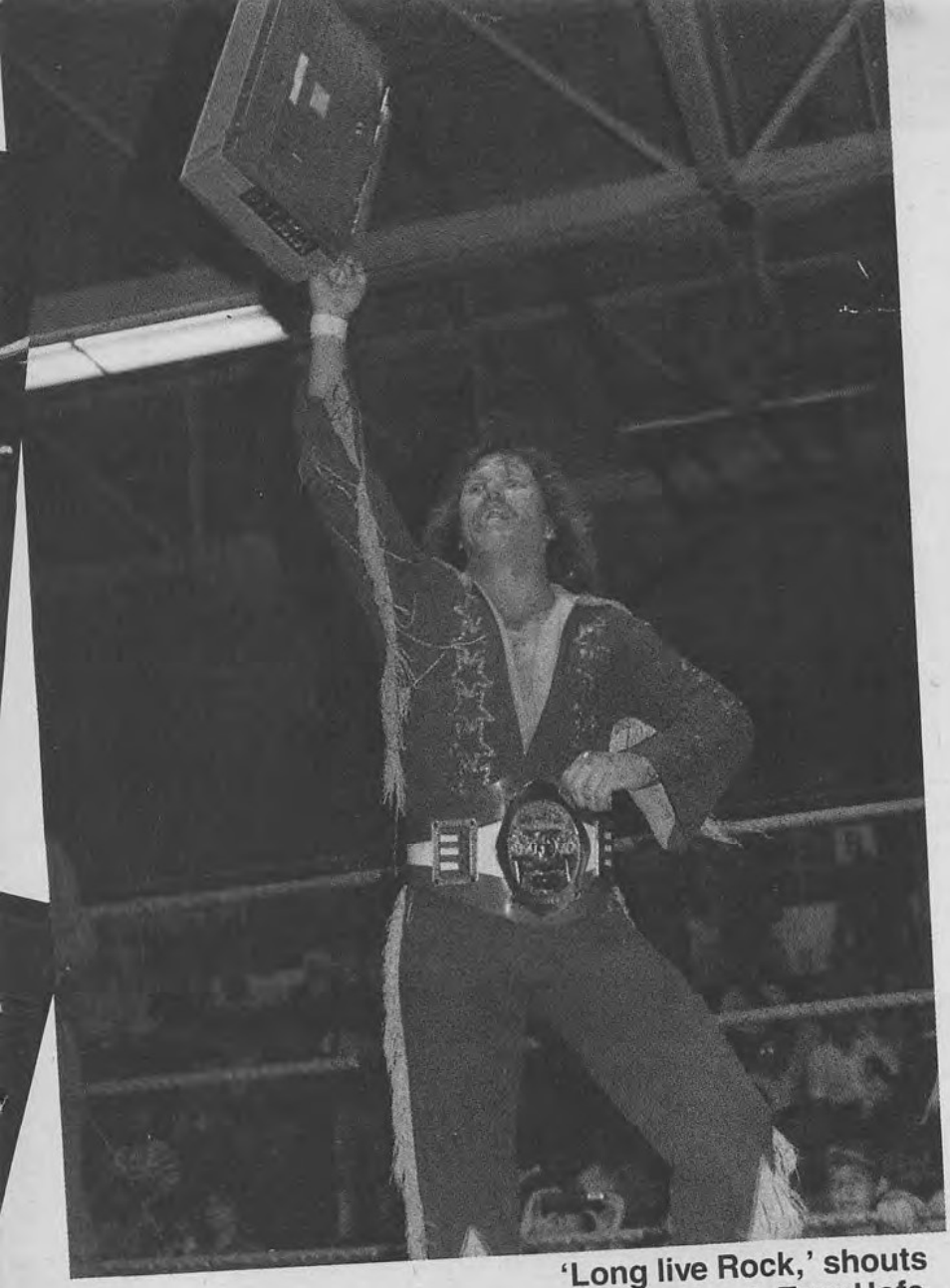

'Long live Rock,' shouts Buck Zum Hofe.

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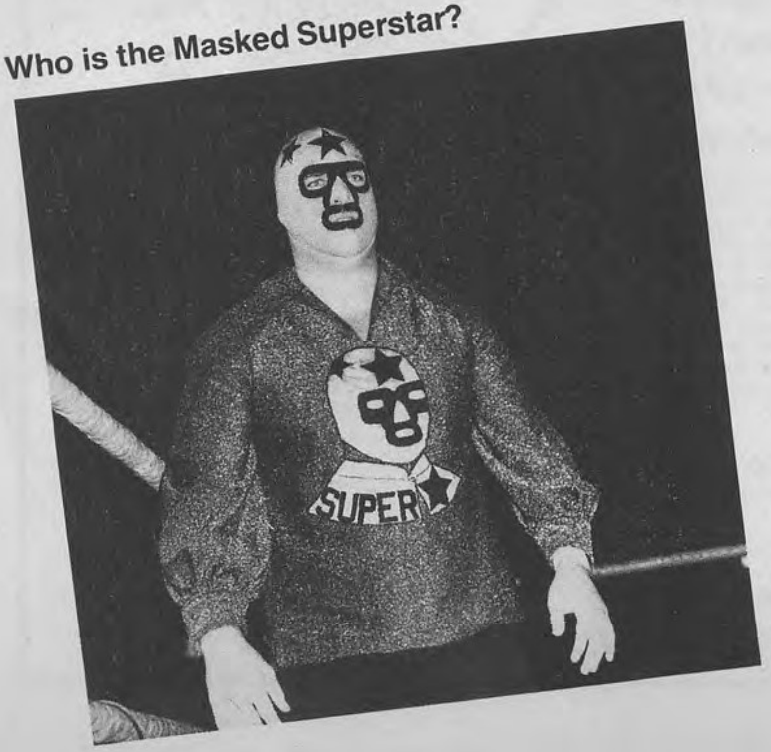

was beaten by Rick Martel. Rick Martel was beaten by Stan Hansen.

Gagne may have retired from the ring, but he is still the brains behind the AWA. Their region covers the upper Midwestern states, parts of California, Japan and Canada. Unlike the bigger

"David Sammartino left the WWF to wrestle Hansen for the AWA title."

NWA, all the promotional power belongs to Verne Gagne.

David Sammartino left the WWF to wrestle Hansen for the AWA title. He has yet to beat Stan. Otherwise, he is doing well against the other contenders.

Larry Zbyszko was suspended in St. Paul after hitting Referee Scott LeDoux. Apparently, this confrontation had been building for months. Zbyszko always believed LeDoux was unfair to him. One can see Scott, an ex-heavyweight boxing contender, climbing into a pair of trunks to settle things man-to-man. Zuchoff and Crusher Blackwell are now feuding. The crazy Russian

"Larry Zbyszko was suspended in St. Paul after hitting Referee Scott LeDoux."

attacked Blackwell after a television match. There was no reason for this 'Pearl-Harbor' assault, except that Crusher is an old friend of Sgt. Slaughter. Maybe, Zuchoff thinks he can get at Slaughter by attacking his friend. Zuchoff will soon be leaving the management of Sheik El-Kaissey.

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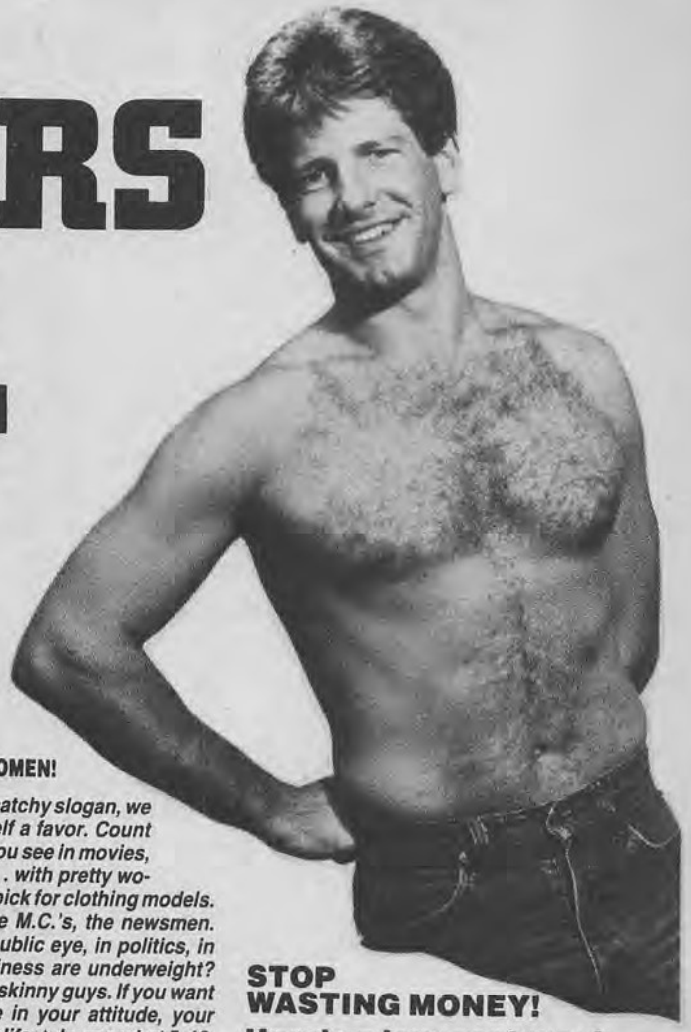

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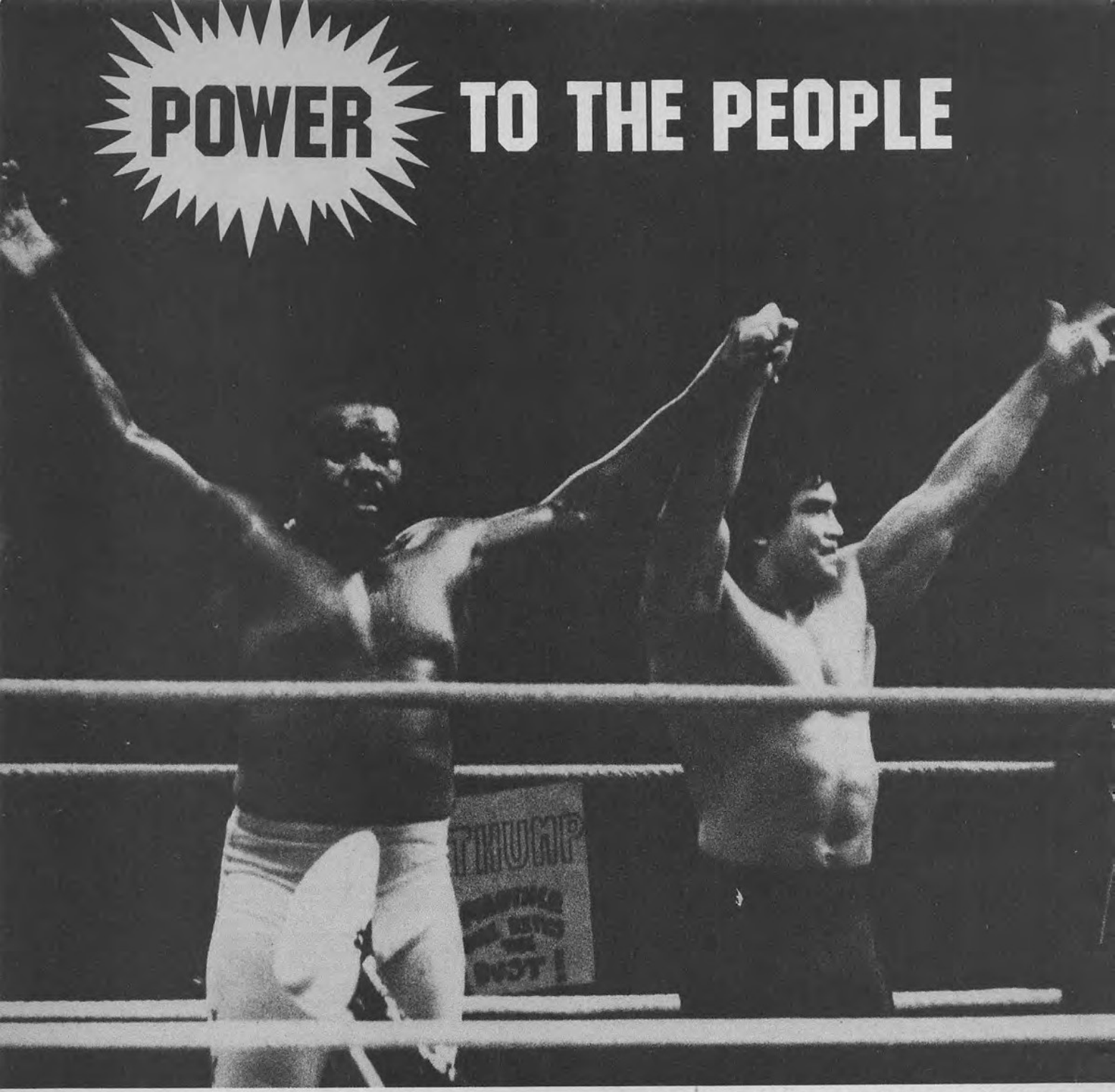

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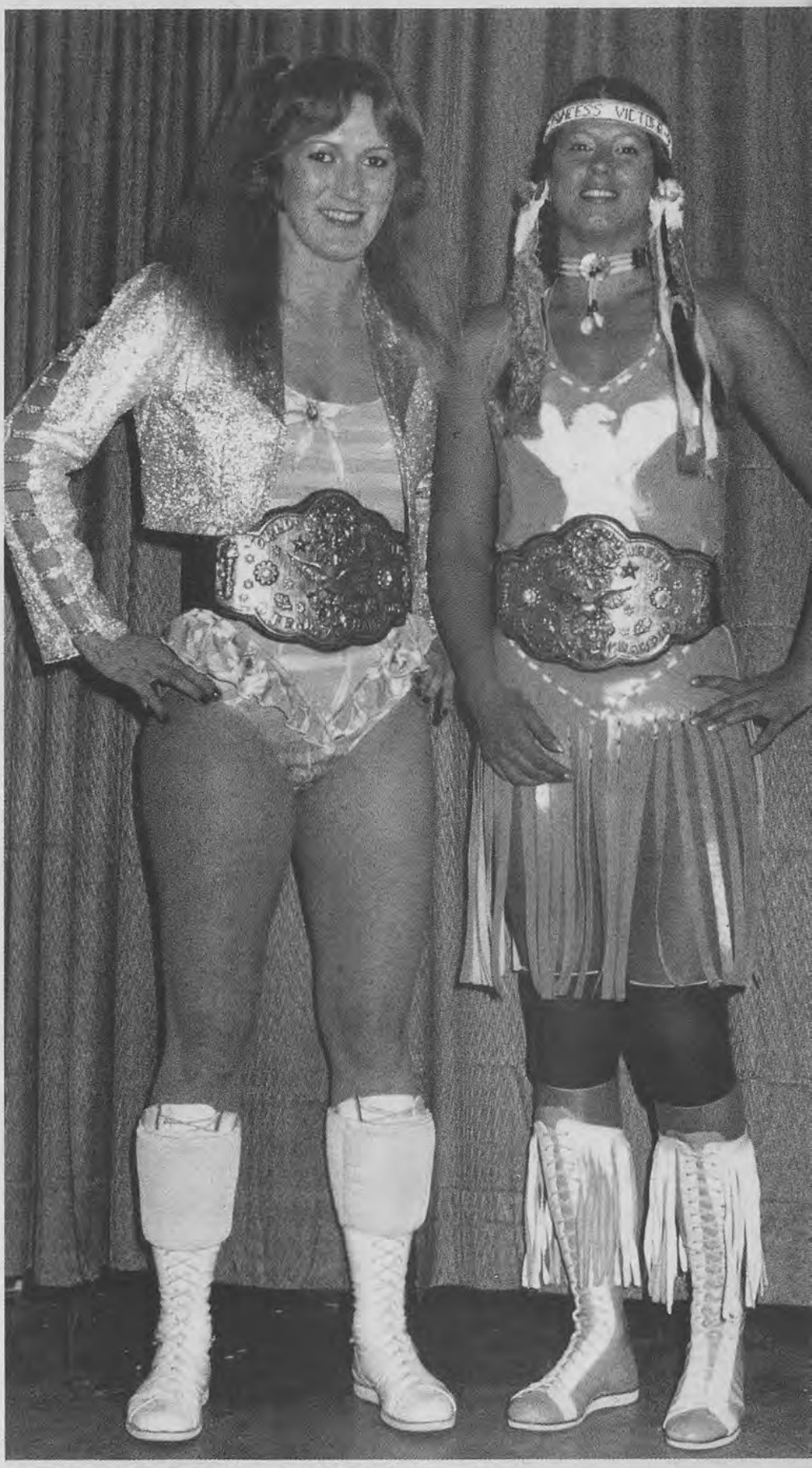

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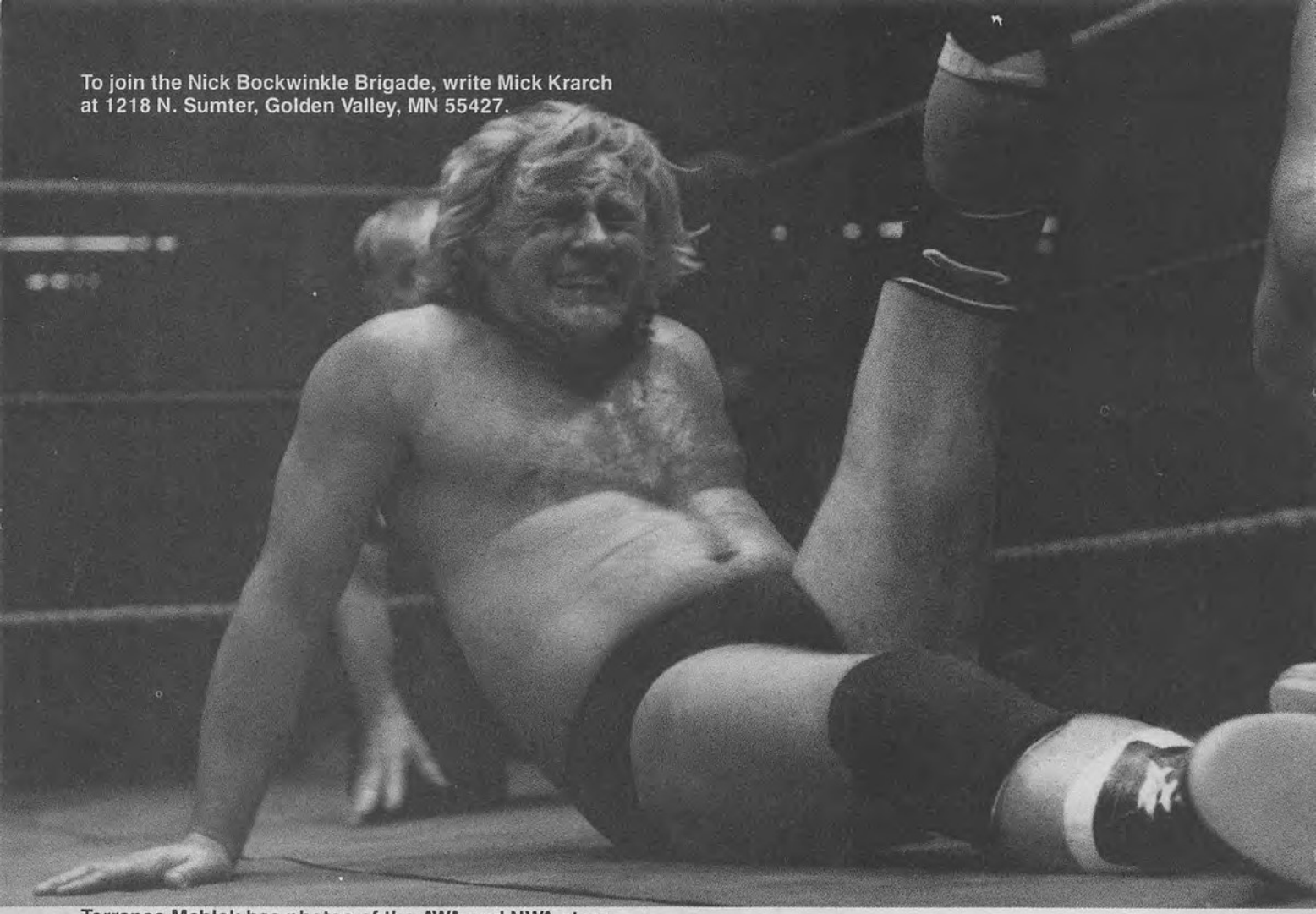

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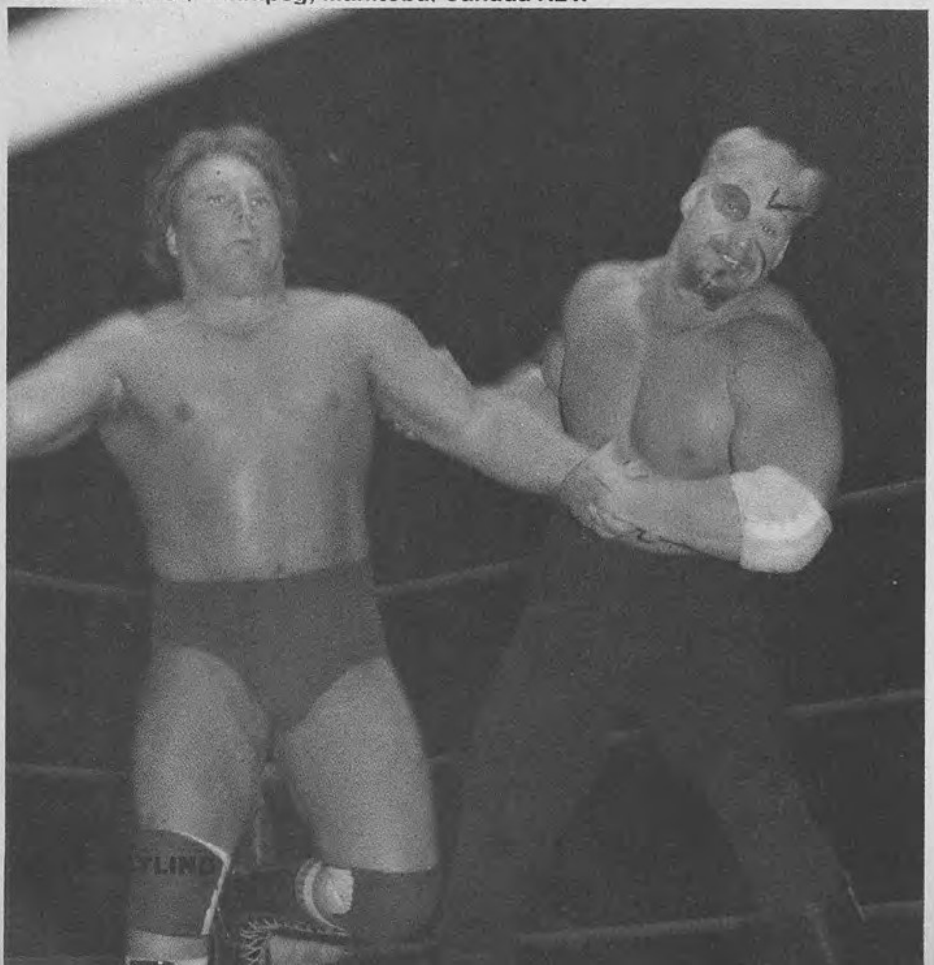

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AFTER 24 HOURS
- Chance of heart attack decreases

AFTER 48 HOURS
- Nerve endings start regrowing
- Ability to smell and taste things is enhanced

AFTER 72 HOURS
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WITHIN 2 WEEKS TO 3 MONTHS
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1 TO 9 MONTHS
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